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U.N. COURT TELLS ISRAEL TO CONTAIN GAZA DEATHS, GIVES NO TRUCE ORDER

The International Court of Justice stopped short of ordering a ceasefire in Gaza on Friday, merely telling Israel to contain death and damage

Genocide case brought by SA

The court rejected Israel's request to throw out the genocide case brought against it by South Africa. The court demanded that all necessary measures be taken to prevent the genocide of Palestinians in the coastal enclave. It did not approve request for an immediate ceasefire

26K Palestinians killed since the war's start as per the Gaza Health Ministry

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected genocide claims and asserted that his forces will continue fighting until they achieve "absolute victory" over Hamas | PTI

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Tableaus from various states celebrating the diverse roles played by women in society on display during the 75th Republic Day parade in New Delhi on Friday | SHEKHAR YADAV

The Tricolour unfurled by the Indian Arctic research team at India's research station 'Himadari' | NCPOR

CELEBRATION OF WOMAN POWER

● Women take centre-stage ● Arms display showcases India's growing military prowess

MUKESH RANJAN, RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR & MAYANK SINGH
@ New Delhi

INDIA'S *nari shakti* was on display at the 75th Republic Day Parade on Friday with the armed forces and various divisions of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) sending all-women contingents to march down the Kartavya Path.

The parade began at 10.30 am and proceeded from Rashtrapati Bhavan to Kartavya Path. The themes for this year's parade were *Viksit Bharat* (developed nation) and *Bharat: Loktantra ki Matruka* (guardian of democracy). The Central Reserve Police Force, the Border Security Force, Sashastra Seema Bal and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police each send a 144-strong all-women contingent.

For the first time, an all-women tri-service team of 144 personnel — 48 each from Army, Navy and Air Force — participated in the parade. In another Republic Day first, over 100 women artists took part in the parade playing Indian instruments like conch, nadaswaram and drums.

Sixteen states, including Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh showcased the women's roles in diverse areas through their tableaus.

A group of 1,500 dancers, under the banner of *Vande Bharatam-Nari Shakti*, celebrated unity in diversity with 30 distinctive folk dance styles. The parade also saw 265 women bikers showcasing various daredevil stunts on motorcycles. "The 75th Republic Day Parade showcased the nation's extraordinary Nari Shakti," President Droupadi Murmu wrote on 'X'. Besides women power, the parade featured missiles, warplanes and surveillance gadgets in a display of India's growing military prowess. P9,10

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi take the salute as French President Emmanuel Macron looks on in New Delhi on Friday

Security lapse in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: A man trespassed into the Field Marshal Manekshaw Parade Ground during the R-Day celebration on Friday. Accused Parashuram from Mysuru was overpowered by the police as he was running towards the VVIP gallery where Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot were seated, and taken into custody. P2

Police take Parashuram of Mysuru into custody after he tried to enter the VVIP gallery at Manekshaw Parade Ground in Bengaluru on Friday| EXPRESS

JD(U) calls MLAs' meet amid buzz

RAMASHANKAR AND RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna/New Delhi

AMID buzz on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar readying to do another somersault and heading a new government with the BJP, the JD(U) called a meeting of its legislature party in Patna on Sunday.

The rift in the ruling front had its 'Kodak moment' on Friday when Nitish's deputy Tejashwi Prasad Yadav failed to turn up at a high tea hosted by Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar to mark Republic Day. The seat beside Nitish — meant for Tejashwi — remained vacant.

Parallelly, the RJD and the Congress, the two other allies of ruling Grand Alliance, called separate meetings of their leaders on Saturday to discuss the situation. RJD chief Lalu Prasad spoke to assembly Speaker Awadh Bihari Choudhary. Choudhary is an RJD MLA from Siwan.

Bihar deputy CM Tejashwi Prasad Yadav fails to turn up at high tea hosted by the Governor

Complicating the situation, JD(U) MLA Gopal Mandal warned that the party would split if it were to ally with the BJP. The electoral math is pretty tight. JD(U)'s 45 MLAs, BJP's 78, Hindustani Awam Morcha's 4 and the support of an Independent MLA would take the total to 128 MLAs — six more that the simple majority 122 in the 243-member assembly. On the other hand, the RJD along with the Congress and three Left parties have 114 — 8 short of 122.

The RJD is learnt to be in touch with Jitan Ram Manjhi's HAM. It has offered a deputy CM's post to Manjhi's son Santosh Kumar Suman.

EXPRESS READ

PM Modi a puppet of RSS, says Kharge

Bengaluru: All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun M Kharge on Friday termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi a puppet of RSS, and appealed to the people of the country to vote Congress to power to protect the Constitution, which he felt is under threat under the Modi-led BJP government | P4

Man fires in air, bullet hits GP president

Vijayapura: Gram panchayat president Somavva suffered bullet injuries when a man fired in the air during a Republic Day function at Hirerugi village in Indi taluk on Friday. The bullet hit her thigh. Police arrested Mallu Ginni, the accused.

34 MLAs made chiefs of boards, Haris gets BDA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress government appointed 34 MLAs as chairpersons of boards and corporations on Friday. However, the deadlock over appointment of Congress workers to boards and corporations continues despite AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge holding talks with party functionaries over their failure in reaching a consensus.

This apart, the leak of the list of appointments made has sparked a controversy in the Congress party.

Shanti Nagar MLA NA Haris, a staunch follower of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, will head the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA).

Chamarajanagar MLA C Puttarangshetty has been appointed as chairman of MSIL and BG Govindappa as chairman of Food and Civil Supplies Corporation. Both are supporters of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Basanagouda Daddal, a supporter of PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, has been appointed as chairperson of the Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation. Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa's daughter and KGF MLA M Rupakala has been appointed as chairperson of Handicrafts Industrial Development Corporation. CONTINUED ON: P4

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Ritu: Himantha • Masa: Pushya • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dwitheeya 1.43 am
Nakshatra: Ashlesha 11.51 am • Moon in Simha Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am
Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 16°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.46 am
Sunset 6.18 pm
Moonrise 7.44 pm
Moonset 7.55 am

Gehlot says it is making efforts to fulfil the goals of Constitution

Man trespasses ground, races towards VVIP gallery, detained

National flag flies high on the city's tallest pole in Chandra Layout

GUV LAUDS GOVT'S 5 GUARANTEE SCHEMES

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GOVERNOR Thaawarchand Gehlot said on Friday that the state government is making efforts to fulfil the goals of the constitution and lauded it for implementing Shakti, Anna Bhagya, Gruha Jyoti, Gruha Lakshmi and Yuvanidhi guarantee schemes.

Delivering his Republic Day speech after unfurling the national flag at the Field Marshal Manekshaw Parade Ground here, Gehlot said, "We should be grateful to Dr BR Ambedkar for drafting the Constitution, which is unique in many ways."

Referring to the five guarantees, the governor said women have availed themselves of 134.34 crore free rides in government buses under the Shakti scheme, while Rs 290.12 crore has been transferred to the bank accounts of beneficiaries under the Anna Bhagya scheme. In all, 1.50 crore electricity consumers are enjoying the benefits of the Gruha Jyoti scheme. A sum of Rs 8,181 crore has been given to 1.17 crore women under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme.

The governor also referred to the government's Yuvanidhi scheme for unemployed graduates and diploma-holders.

With the failure of monsoon, the government has declared 223 taluks as drought-hit. It has taken steps to ease the crisis in the affected taluks. The government has sought funds from NDRF for drought relief works, he said.

An interim relief of up to Rs 2,000 per farmer will be given in drought-hit taluks. The process of transferring Rs 580 crore to the bank accounts of 30 lakh farmers is on, he said.

Contingents of defence, police and NCC, and schoolchildren participated in the parade. Artistes and schoolchildren participated in various cultural programmes. Students of BBMP Composite College, Pillanna Garden, won the first prize for their dance-drama on Savithribai Phule. Kalaripayattu, motorcycle stunts by defence personnel and other evens enthralled the audience.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot unfurls the Tricolour during the 75th Republic Day celebration at Manekshaw Parade Ground on Friday | EXPRESS

Additional Chief Secretary Rakesh Singh and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath unfurled the tricolour at the BBMP head office.

Vijayanagar MLA M Krishnappa and his son Priya Krishna, Govindrajanagar MLA, unfurled the national flag on the city's tallest pole at Chandra Layout.

Nation First Citizens Soldiers and Pragathi Charitable Trust organised a "5K Republic Run, SOLDIER-A-THON" with a theme "run for the nation, run with soldiers". Gopashetty, a 1971 war veteran, flagged off the run.

Man creates a flutter, tries to meet CM

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE 75th Republic Day celebrations at Field Marshal Manekshaw Parade Ground on Friday went smoothly, but only for a while. Just as the motorcycle daredevil riders were about to perform, the visitors and dignitaries were taken aback when a man started to race towards the VVIP gallery waving some papers towards the CM with security personnel hot in pursuit.

Around 10 am, the man, identified as Parashuram from Mysuru, entered the ground through the media gallery and started running towards the VVIP gallery where Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and others were seated. He was overpowered by the police and taken into custody.

While he was being taken by the police, Parashuram said he had come to meet the CM to raise the matter of delay in issuing appointment orders by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC). As he could not meet the CM earlier, he barged into the ground to give a representation, the man claimed.

Police whisk Parashuram away from the ground on Friday | EXPRESS

A senior police officer said the person is a habitual offender and was detained by the Halasur Gate police in the past. "The person claims that he had written some exam conducted by the KPSC in 1993 and injustice was meted to him by not selecting him. He keeps giving representatives to leaders. He managed to get a media pass using a local media identity card and entered the venue," the officer said adding that the police are questioning him and will book him. The incident also impacted cultural events and prize distribution.

Meanwhile, Somakhekar, principal of BBMP Junior College in Pillanna Garden, and dance choreographer Chaya Bhargavi protested against the police for being denied entry even as their names were called out to receive an award. The school got the first place in the cultural programme on the theme of reformer Savithribai Phule.

"The principal and I had come backstage to play the theme song and when we tried to get back to the stage from gate number 2, the police denied us entry. The organiser should be blamed for such a lapse and poor arrangement," said Bhargavi.

Clockwise from left: The Tornadoes daredevil motorbike team of the Indian Army performs during the 75th Republic Day at Manekshaw Parade Ground on Friday; Schoolchildren put up a show; A parade by women cadets | ALLEN EGENUSE J

K-RIDE fails to pick MD even after Rly Board order

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Railway Board recently wrote to the Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) asking it to fill the vacancy of a full-time managing director. It insisted that its order on eligibility criteria issued seven years ago be adopted. It has been 12 days since the letter was sent to K-RIDE, but no steps have been taken in this connection.

K-RIDE is a joint venture between the Karnataka government and Ministry of Railways. No full-time MD has been appointed for nearly 1.5 years, since Amit Garg was transferred in August 2022.

Dr N Manjula, a qualified doctor and Kannada and Culture department secretary, was given additional charge as K-RIDE MD on November 29. This was despite Infrastructure Minister M B Patil promising three months earlier, that a full-time MD would be appointed.

TNIE has a copy of the letter sent by Director, Gati Shakti, Railway Board, on January 15, 2024, directing the MD to re-advertise the vacancy as per guidelines mentioned in the circular the Board had released on January 11, 2017.

That circular was issued seven years ago to all State governments regarding joint venture projects, and mandates a minimum of 25 years of Group A service of which at least 5 years must be in the Senior Administration grade. The age limit is 55 years, with experience of 5 years or more in planning, design and execution of Railway related infrastructure projects.

The Board wants K-RIDE to modify the eligibility criteria for the post it had advertised in September 2023, wherein it specified 65 years as the age limit, and permitted deputation of officers from the State government as well as officers across India.

A source said, "The Board is keen that only technically qualified personnel be appointed in an organisation like K-RIDE, since it will be handling the 148-km Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project crucial for Bengaluru."

The PMO is monitoring the project closely. "In June 2022, PM Modi had announced the project would be completed in 40 months. By this month-end, 16 months would have lapsed and a full-time MD has still not been appointed," he said.

Technical expertise lacking

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, reported to be upset after an internal meeting during his visit to Bengaluru recently, had spoken about the need to hire technically qualified people to run the Rs 15,767-crore project.

Even as the project is proceeding at snail's pace, Joint General Manager and Chief Public Relations Officer Punitha Sadashivaiah has been given additional charge as HR general manager and asked to route all her files through K-RIDE's Director of Projects and Planning R K Singh, reveals an internal order. In-charge MD N Manjula has been charged with reversing all the orders made by the previous incumbent, Gupta.

Defending her move, Manjula said, "A government official has been made the GM HR temporarily. We have sounded the state government for a full-time employee. There is no harm as they are more aware of government procedures than contractual employees."

The alignment for both Corridor-1 and Corridor-3 of the Suburban Project is yet to be finalised due to lack of technical expertise. Unless that is done, Railways cannot go ahead with land acquisition and tenders cannot be called," another source said.

The Airport Security Group of CISF in action at KIA | S LALITHA

Hostage rescue demo at airport

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THE Airport Security Group (ASG) of the Central Industrial Security Force marked Republic Day on Friday with a demonstration of its preparedness to tackle dangerous situations like rescuing people held hostage by terrorists and defusing bombs.

The Quick Response Team drew much applause from the audience by its swift action and firepower in combating such situations. The fire unit as well as a security team from airport operator, Bangalore International Airport Limited, also took part.

The highly trained dogs (4 Belgian Malinois and one Cocker Spaniel) -- Bella, Rambo, Linus, Candy and Gracie -- were the cynosure of all eyes as they demonstrated multiple feats apart from attacking 'terrorists'. One of them walked with a glass of water balanced on his head too.

A room intervention drill involved six members of the public held hostage in two rooms and their rescue. The Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad later checked for bombs on the rescued hostages and the surroundings.

R-DAY SPECIAL COVER

To mark the 75th Republic Day, a special cover was released on Friday by LK Dash, Postmaster General, Bengaluru Headquarters Region of Karnataka Postal Circle. The cover will be available for sale at Bengaluru GPO from January 27 and at a later date in Belagavi, Mangaluru and Mysuru philately bureaux. It is priced at Rs 25. ENS

Canara Bank honours Andhra wrestler

Bengaluru: Canara Bank celebrated the 75th Republic Day at its head office in Bengaluru on Friday. Managing Director and CEO K Satyanarayana Raju hoisted the national flag in the presence of executive directors of the bank, and addressed the gathering. He felicitated Andhra Pradesh wrestler Uma Devi Devarakonda, who secured a silver medal in the World Grappling Championships-2023 held in Russia. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27TH January : Most scientists believe that the world consists of matter and that consciousness is a product of chemical reactions in our brains. Most astrologers think the opposite and believe that the universe is made up of consciousness and that the material world emerges from what they call pure Mind, with a capital 'm'. Either theory works for me!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your finances are more positive than you imagine. You're tempted to spend more than you can afford, but you don't have to break the bank. Maybe there are bargains to be had if only you take the time to look around. A friend can point you in the right direction.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Be enterprising this weekend and seek out fresh opportunities in new areas. There may be a chance of a flutter and there'll be no harm in that as long as you're completely sure of your ground. By the time partners realise what is happening, you will be home and dry.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Interesting consequences may arise from chance encounters and family life will take a different turn as a result. There may be a mystery to solve around late afternoon or early evening. It's all to do with the Sun's position today, which means that in a few more days you'll know the answer.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The next stage is to reconsider recent developments, and decide whether you're happy with your progress so far. But events may soon move so fast that there'll be little time for detailed thought. In that case, you'd just better hang on to what you've got.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Put the brakes on, especially in the financial department. If you can only learn to live within your means, you'll be fine. Family affairs look easier in the afternoon, so hang in until later if you have awkward things to say - and difficult discussions to handle.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Fortunately you've got what it takes to cope with current situations. You may not be experienced in practical ways, but you have a great skill in understanding human nature and predicting friends' reactions and behaviour. Your foresight is on top form.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Weekend stars favour peace and relaxation, and you'll achieve this desirable goal best if you pursue activities which take your mind off routine matters. Keep your eye out for hidden costs, otherwise one of your treasured plans will unravel, or take two steps back!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Look on the bright side. At least the personal pressure should be lower than it was. You're far less likely to be subject to unfair criticism and far more likely to receive extra love and affection. That is surely cause for satisfaction. Plus, take care with cash offers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Benevolent planetary aspects are there to be used, yet there are difficult indications which you can minimise if you wish. At this stage, it's up to you to create your own future rather than abandoning responsibility to others. Independence is everything.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It's a day to enjoy yourself, spend money and extend hospitality to old friends. There are domestic chores to catch up with, in which case you might find that a partner is determined to be uncooperative. But then that is their problem! You have better things to do!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The Sun is backing and boosting you as hard as it can, creating exactly the right conditions for forming new friendships and healing long-standing rifts with rivals. New initiatives which you begin now will bring unexpected twists down the line.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You switch into a more emotional phase. That finds you feeling generally more comfortable with life and less agitated by the sense that you should be somewhere else and doing something completely different. Stick close to home if it makes you feel better.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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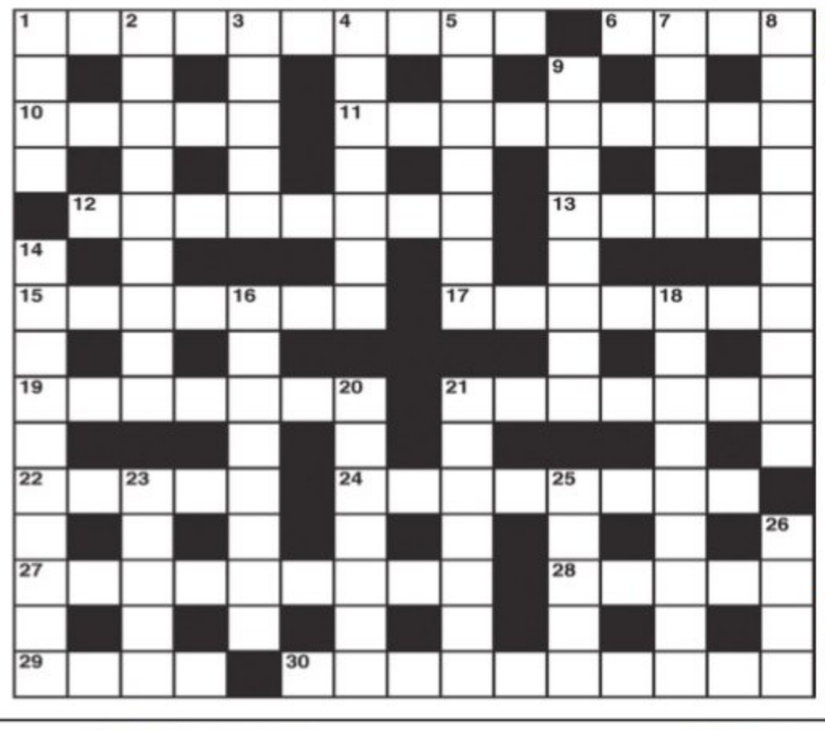

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Nurse has a little way to go as a beginner (10)
6 The trouble's about a chemical (4)
10 Conducted round an ancient city and tempted (5)
11 Such a rite is suited to a solemn sacrament (9)
12 Cooked chicken at indoor gathering (8)
13 Mails sorted for the Mohammedan world (5)
15 A poet is quite likely to induce sleep (7)
17 Cunning action made with the French in view (7)
19 The more complicated mathematical proof (7)
21 Old-fashioned tour now reshaped (7)
22 They spread out in all directions (5)
24 Remarking upon a mixture of gin and tonic (8)
27 It sounds a beastly form of warfare (9)
28 To marry the three wise men are incredible (5)
29 Examination ordeal (4)
30 Truth stands between man or criminal (10)

DOWN

1 Up to work the fields (4)
2 I rant and rave perhaps when giving an account (9)
3 It's all over a point in the revised deed (5)
4 So free a formation of islands (7)
5 Murderous creatures concealed inside flowers (7)
7 Architectural highlight (5)
8 They work unaided to produce fruit in a fitful sun (10)
9 Clear evidence of what a ship is carrying (8)
14 Not left out at the start being outspoken (10)
16 They may fight though they're not boxers (8)
18 Usual wish for a happy retirement? (4,5)
20 Fellow in no condition to work on a tough paper (7)
21 To argue like this is a crime against humanity (7)
23 Prepare to come into line (5)
25 It separates many in a deep sleep (5)
26 A better mark (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Dropsin, 5 Cider, 8 Safetypin, 9 Tip, 10 Orbs, 12 Seaports, 14 Taurus, 15 Braise, 17 Bewilder, 18 Herd, 21 Tea, 22 Execution, 24 Niece, 25 Degrade.

Down: 1 Disco, 2 Off, 3 Sate, 4 Naples, 5 Conspire, 6 Determine, 7 Riposte, 11 Blue whale, 13 Bull's-eye, 14 Tibetan, 16 Legend, 19 Dance, 20 Rung, 23 Ida.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

LATVE

MIGER

HLIRTL

GAUTOE

What about our inheritance?
I'll take this to court!
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The paperwork has already been signed.
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TINGE EXILE PURITY JOSTLE
Answer: The owner of the small retail shop was worried about what was being built — NEXT "STORE"

Fortis Hospitals will organise a Fortis Cancer Summit, focusing on cutting-edge research and studies in diverse cancer types, in Bengaluru on Saturday and Sunday. Under the theme 'Practice Changing Advances in Precision Oncology', the summit will highlight advancements across the entire continuum of cancer care, including screening, diagnostics, prognostics and therapeutics as well as homecare and end-of-life care

MAN SHOOTS SON DEAD FOR REFUSING CASH TO BUY BOOZE

Victim locks father in room for continuously pestering him for money, gets shot in the chest through window

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 58-year-old man fatally shot his 35-year-old son with a licensed 12 bore single-barrel gun for reportedly refusing to pay him money to buy liquor in the city on Thursday.

Police have arrested the accused, Suresh. The incident took place in Kamakshipalya police limits. The police said Suresh used to frequently quarrel with his son Narthan Bopanna demanding money for liquor. The family hails from Madikeri in Kodagu district.

On Thursday evening, an argument broke out between them over the same issue. An enraged Bopanna forcibly locked his father in a room when he continued to pester him for money. Within minutes, Suresh shot Bopanna in his chest through the window.

Bopanna, who suffered serious injuries, called his sister and asked her to inform their relatives to take him to hospital. Bopanna was then rushed to a private hospital for treatment where he was declared dead due to excessive bleeding, the police said.

Suresh quit his job as a gunman with a private security agency in the city six months ago. Since then he has been living with his wife and son at Karekallu in Kamakshipalya police limits. Bopanna quit his job two months ago as he had to take care of his sick mother, the police said.

Kamakshipalya police have registered a case.

Kid's death: Cops probe negligence by daycare centre

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THE Hennur police are investigating the death of a 4-year-old girl who fell from the first floor of a daycare centre in Kalyan Nagar, based on a complaint filed by her parents accusing the daycare management of negligence.

Jeena Anna Jito fell from the first floor of the daycare centre in Chellekere on Monday and succumbed to her injuries on Thursday.

It is said that on Monday, after the regular time of 12.30 pm, only three children remained with three caregivers. The police are examining how the child fell from the first floor, considering that each child was under the care of a caregiver. The investigation is yet to determine how the child ended up on the first floor.

The girl's parents, Jito Tomy Joseph and Binito Thomas, both software professionals, had filed complaint against the daycare, and the police, who had initially filed a Non-Cognizable Report (NCR), registered an FIR on Wednesday.

GARDEN GATHERING

A sea of visitors descends on Lalbagh to witness the Republic Day Flower Show in Bengaluru on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

Nine private bus drivers booked for drunk driving

BENGALURU: Cracking down on drunk driving, the Bengaluru City Traffic Police inspected 881 private buses and booked nine drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol. The drive was carried out from 8 pm to 11.30 pm on January 15. Legal action, including registration of criminal cases and suspension of driving licences, has been initiated against the erring drivers. Recently, the Bengaluru City Traffic Police also cracked down on drunk driving by school bus drivers, booking 16 of them.

Gold biscuits worth ₹12.46 L seized from minor flyer

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A minor boy who allegedly stole two gold biscuits, worth Rs 12.46 lakh in total, from his employer was caught by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel at the Bengaluru airport when he was planning to fly out of the city on Thursday. The boy had concealed the biscuits in his shoes.

A case has been registered at the Kempegowda International Airport police station on a complaint filed by CISF Sub-Inspector Deepak Tanwar. The boy has been sent to an observation home.

A police officer told TNIE that the boy hailed Rajasthan.

"He was planning to fly to Ahmedabad by an Indigo flight (6E 586) on January 25. During security checks around 1.15 am, the door frame metal detector sounded an alarm," he said. Subsequent scanning revealed two gold biscuits concealed inside each of the shoes. A biscuit weighed 100 gram, he added. During questioning, the boy confessed that he had stolen it from Rathna Gold Palace, a jewellery shop in Majestic where he was employed.

ILLEGAL MINING CASE

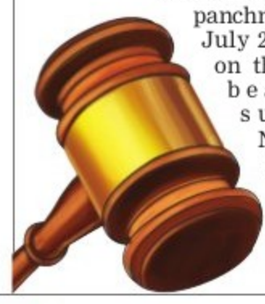
Bad probe leads to acquittal of 2, court raps 2 cops

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

IN a major embarrassment to the Karnataka Lokayukta, two police officers are in the dock for lapses in their investigation and the chargesheet related to an illegal mining case.

The police officers are MJ Dayanand, the then police inspector of Karnataka Lokayukta, Bengaluru Rural District, and Gangadhara Swamy SE, deputy superintendent of police, Special Investigation Team (SIT), attached to the Lokayukta. Because of the lapses committed by the police officers in the case registered in 2014, the Special Court for Lokayukta Cases acquitted the accused Govindaraju and CN Pavan Prasad of the offences under IPC, Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, and the Indian Explosives Act.

"The main reason for the failure of the prosecution's case is obviously the serious lapses on the part of Dayanand and Gangadhara Swamy. Dayanand, as a complainant and the investigation officer, cleverly ignored the place of crime on the land bearing survey No 41/4 where illegal mining was going on, but conducted the panchnama on July 24, 2014, on the land bearing survey Nos. 41/3, 41/5 and 42/4, where Govindaraju and his mother were involved in quarrying with valid permits, thereby leading the investigation to a wrong track for unknown reasons," said Judge KM Radhakrishna.



Holding the two police officers responsible for the lapses in the investigation, the court stated that it cannot be said that they committed such lapses without knowledge. Therefore, they should be held answerable for the poor and shabby investigation, which enabled the real culprits to escape, the court said while asking the two officers to submit written explanations in person before it as to why disciplinary action should not be directed against them.

The court also noted that though there were several complaints against illegal mining at quarries in various villages, the police registered only one FIR and failed to gather evidence even in that case also.

The 'patta' land measuring 2.36 acres bearing survey No 41/5 at Kallanayakanahalli in Nelamangala taluk belongs to Govindaraju, who has the license for quarrying on part of the said land and transporting porphyritic granite.

Illegally, he subleased the license in favour of Pavan Prasad. Both of them hatched a criminal conspiracy and encroached two guntas from the land bearing survey No. 41/4 owned by one Siddarangaiah. They allegedly used explosives and illegally extracted 297 cubic metres of porphyritic granite from the encroached land.

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

Shri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister of Karnataka

Inauguration of FREE Dialysis Services by
Shri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister

- 219 Dialysis Centers
- 800 Dialysis Machines

Bengaluru Division : 250 Mysore Division : 222
Belgaum Division : 201 Kalaburagi Division : 127

- Annual project expenditure of 108 Cr under the Prime Minister's National Dialysis Program (PMNDP) and State grants
- 48 new taluks added to Dialysis Services
- Implementation of Single-Use Dialyzer to improve the quality of Dialysis for enhanced patient care
- 7.20 lakh Dialysis Cycles annually

27 January, 2024

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Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah and Hon'ble Health Minister Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao discussing about the Health Department's Programs.

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KKRDB President Dr Ajay Singh, who is also Jewargi MLA, on Friday said that the state government has allocated Rs 3,000 crore to Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB) for 2023-24, and the KKRDB gave its approval for the action plan of Rs 1,900 crore a few months ago

AICC chief says Constitution under threat in BJP rule, saffron party trying to reduce power of autonomous bodies

KHARGE: MODI AN 'RSS PUPPET'

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@ Bengaluru

ALL-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun M Kharge on Friday accused RSS and BJP of trying to change the Constitution. He termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "puppet in the hands of RSS", and appealed to the people of the country to vote Congress to power to protect the Constitution, which he felt is under threat under the Modi-led BJP government.

"RSS and BJP are going all out to twist and change the Constitution. BJP is making every effort to reduce the power of our autonomous bodies by destroying them one by one. Modi is acting as a 'puppet of RSS', because of which the judiciary and secularism of our country are getting affected," he said after unfurling the national flag marking the Republic Day celebration at the KPCC office in Bengaluru.

"In today's situation, both our Constitution and democracy are under threat. There is even more danger to our young generation because of this. The problem of inflation and unemployment is increasing by the day. To prevent this calamity, all of you should give strength to Congress in the coming Lok Sabha elections," he said.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and KPCC president DK Shivakumar release Tricolour balloons, during Republic Day celebrations, in Bengaluru on Friday

"While handing over the Constitution, Baba Saheb Ambedkar had said it should be followed properly and everyone should benefit. That means those executing the Constitution should be good, otherwise, the Constitution itself will be bad. What he had said in 1949 is coming true today. Because of lack of good leaders at the helm of affairs to execute the Constitution, inequality and imbalance are evident in the country," he added.

It was Congress that brought Independence to the country as Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhbhai Patel, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad among others took part in the freedom struggle, he remarked. "Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are trying to keep the freedom we have got in their clutches. Our next generation will survive only if freedom and the Constitution survive. Otherwise, they will be deprived of opportunities in everything," he cautioned.

"Since the country's Independence till 2014, the debt of the country was Rs 55 lakh crore, but now the BJP government has borrowed Rs 150 lakh crores in 10 years," he pointed out.

Cong wary of Savadi exit, another Op Lotus

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

AFTER former chief minister Jagadish Shettar's sudden exit, the Congress leadership appears wary of former DCM Laxman Savadi following suit, as the latter remains in close touch with BJP and RSS leaders.

AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge, speaking at the Republic Day celebrations at the KPCC office here on Friday, warned DCM DK Shivakumar against inducting leaders from other parties into the Congress. "When we want to buy a product, we carry out many tests. If you want to take someone into the party, their character and background should be checked. It is very important to check what ideology they followed and what they are accepting today," he remarked.

"Whoever comes into the Congress should be included and empowered. Those who come to the party should be loyal," he added.

Savadi was among the key players who had orchestrated Operation Lotus in 2019 and helped B S Yediyurappa become chief minister, after dislodging the Congress-JDS alliance government. He was made MLC and DCM in the Yediyurappa cabinet. The party's national leadership had assigned him to campaign in some pockets of Maharashtra and Goa during assembly polls there, and sent him to Telangana in 2022.

But later, he was ignored and denied a ticket from Athani, following which he joined the Congress. Since he has proved his mettle, the BJP could draw him back into the party fold.

According to sources, BJP leaders, including K S Eshwarappa, held talks with Shettar and Savadi a couple of months ago, on instructions from RSS, and the fallout was Shettar's return.

It will be no surprise if Savadi too returns to the BJP, sources said. "If he continues in the Congress, chances of him leading some MLAs to the BJP cannot be ruled out after the LS polls. He is in close touch with certain Congress MLAs, including a minister," a Congress leader said.

NO RETURN: SAVADI

In Chikkodi, Savadi clarified that though he has sympathisers in the BJP who want him back, he will not return. "I have senior leaders, friends and sympathisers as I had spent 20-25 years in BJP, but ultimately I have to make a decision. There is no question of quitting the Congress," he said. "Savadi is a sensible person. No one else, including Savadi, will quit the Congress. There is a list of those who are willing to join the Congress," Shivakumar claimed on Friday. But as soon as Shettar quit on Thursday, Shivakumar had reached out to Savadi.

Cong workers happy that Shettar left, says Deputy CM

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CLAIMING that Congress workers and leaders were happy with former chief minister Jagadish Shettar quitting the party, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday remarked, "The Congress leaders and workers from Belagavi district are happy about his (Shettar's) exit, and the MLC seat which now lies vacant after his exit will be given to a loyal party worker."

"Shettar had joined the Congress, stating his disillusionment with the internal affairs of the BJP. He had even made big accusations against the BJP. We had accommodated him as an MLC despite his loss by 35,000 votes in the last Assembly elections. Despite BJP trying to establish contact with him for the last 2-3 months, Shettar was determined to stay in the party till a couple of days ago," he said.

Likening the Congress to an ocean, Shivakumar said that the exit of individuals such as Shettar will not make any difference to the party. "The Congress stays unaffected, irrespective of anyone joining or leaving. There are many people looking forward to joining our party too," he claimed.

Meanwhile, he also claimed that the I.N.D.I.A bloc will fight the Lok Sabha polls unitedly. Asked about BJP's attempts to re-induct Laxman Savadi, Shivakumar said, "BJP is not sparing anyone, they are trying to lure everyone. We are aware of it. If we wanted, we could have done a lot too."

BJP state president BY Vijayendra, accompanied by party colleagues, inspects the venue for the state BJP Executive Committee meeting scheduled on Saturday, at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

VIJAYENDRA PLAYED KEY ROLE IN SHETTAR'S RETURN TO BJP

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@ Bengaluru

BJP state president BY Vijayendra seems to have played a key role in getting former chief minister Jagadish Shettar back into the BJP fold.

Shettar said that in the last few months, many BJP workers and leaders felt that he should return, but the process gained momentum only after Vijayendra was appointed as the state party chief.

Speaking to the media at the party office, the former CM said the entire process of returning to the BJP did not happen in four hours, but the process was going on for the last few months. "After he was appointed as the state president, Vijayendra took the initiative, and so did former CM Yediyurappa," he said, adding that the party workers across the state always wanted him to return.

Shettar had quit the BJP and joined Congress before the Assembly polls and he had criticised the BJP leadership. Responding to a question on how he looks at it now, Shettar said he had spoken about the prevailing situation in the BJP then and they should be optimistic about improvements and not feel that things cannot be corrected.

"I will take everyone into confidence to strengthen the party," he said, adding that he will tour the state and ensure that BJP wins over 25 Lok Sabha seats.

Shettar said he has returned to the party without any conditions and will work as per the directions of party leaders, who have informed him that he will be accorded due respect as a senior leader.

On Thursday, Shettar met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president JP Nadda, and other central leaders in New Delhi. "The BJP is our home. I had joined the Congress due to some incidents during the Assembly elections," he said. The former CM said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has strengthened the country and the citizens want to make him the PM again.

"He should become the Prime Minister again, and our country should emerge economically stronger. That is why I have rejoined BJP," he said.

BJP STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY

The state executive committee meeting of the BJP will be held at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Saturday. State president BY Vijayendra said 900 leaders will be attending the meeting to discuss the party's strategy for the Lok Sabha polls.

MEKEDATU

CWMA to hold prelim meeting on Feb 1: DKS

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@ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday said preparations to implement the Mekedatu project are on and a preliminary meeting in this regard will be held on February 1. After taking part in the Constitution Awareness Jatha at Anekal, he said the Cauvery Water Management Authority is holding a preliminary meeting to discuss the Mekedatu project on February 1. "We have already asked Revenue Department officials to provide revenue land for those who will lose land for the project. Land is being identified for the same. This project will help people of Bengaluru city and farmers of the Cauvery basin area," he said.

Further, the Bengaluru development minister said MP DK Suresh, MLA Shivanna, representing the area, and he are committed to developing Anekal taluk.

Shamanur asks people to re-elect BJP MP

SHIVAMOGGA: Senior Congress leader and Akhila Bharat Veerashaiva Mahasabha president Shamanur Shivashankarappa on Friday called upon voters of the Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency to re-elect sitting BJP MP BY Raghavendra, considering the development works he has done. Both Shivashankarappa and Raghavendra are Lingayats. Shivashankarappa emphasised the importance of selecting the best candidate, citing Raghavendra's 'significant' contributions to the development of Shivamogga district. "What do the people of the constituency want? It is development. It is our duty to elect such a leader. He is doing such good work," he said. Raghavendra posted on X, "This day is one of the most auspicious of my political life. Shamanur Shivashankarappa, appreciating my work, has given me strength. I am determined to fulfill the promise placed on me by him by developing the Shivamogga constituency in the next Lok Sabha term."

MY TAKE

'Big brother' of traffic cops: Making roads justly safer in Karnataka

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THERE is a technological revolution underway in making traffic safer in Bengaluru. Visibly, most motorists appear to be unaware of it. That is apparent by the way they continue driving by violating traffic rules left, right and centre, while the traffic police's new approach to road safety management is to be increasingly invisible and making enforcement as contact-less as possible, driven by technology.

Observe the typical motorist behaviour in Bengaluru. While stopping at a red signal, the motorists — especially two-wheeler riders — look for the presence of traffic police personnel. When convinced that there is none around to "catch them", they zoom off despite the red signal.

What they do not realise is that the traffic police's contact-less enforcement has already captured the violation, a penalty registered and a fine listed against the owner of the vehicle. The data is relayed to the command centre, from where the violation and the penalty finds mention on the Bangalore Traffic Police website which takes one to the Karnatakaone.gov.in website.

The oblivious violator may have carried on to proudly boast in front of friends about how he or she made a mickey out of the traffic police by jumping a signal. These are cases of "Ignorance is bliss", until they open that website to learn that they have been booked through a contact-less system. But most don't.

There have been cases where multiple violations have piled up fines amounting to Rs 70,000 upwards. Imagine the shock of the violator at that point to realise the pending penalties and the amount that needs to be parted with. It can be painful.

Mind you, the system is only getting tighter, as more will be booked in the months to come. There are about 2.3 lakh cameras across Bengaluru for surveillance, and the number is planned to touch five lakh in eight months.

But through all this, the Bengaluru motorist continues to remain ignorant about the adoption of high technology by the Bangalore Traffic police.

Awareness needs to be spread among the people. There are two ways to go about it: one, through media and publicity; and two, spreading the experiences of violators booked through hi-tech means of the traffic police, and who pay the fines. Despite the media spreading awareness about the tech advances by the traffic police, motorists continue to display ignorance. It is obvious by their behaviour.

That leaves the second way as the only viable option. But for that to happen, the violators need to instantly know they have been fined. Unfortunately, they don't.

While infusion of high technology is a boon for enforcement, letting people know that it is functioning properly and accurately can be a significant contributor to deter traffic violations. For instance, when a traffic violation is committed, the violator should receive an SMS on the mobile, and the fine it involves as penalty. That doesn't happen. Let the violator know they have not escaped the Big Brother-like surveillance the traffic police possesses now.

Deterrence has to take place in the mind. But it can never happen in an ignorant mind. Supplementing that, fines need to be steeper, so that the deterrence is stronger.

However, while technology is aiding in increasing surveillance, there have also been cases with wrong motorists getting penalized — probably due to blurred camera images or fake vehicle registration plates being used. In some cases, vehicle owners who have not used the vehicle at all on the day of violation have been booked. High technology needs to be complemented by accuracy to ensure that innocent motorists do not get fined.

Probably, that will be corrected when the High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) come in a big way. Its hologram and unique identification code will enable the traffic police to easily track and identify the authenticity of the vehicles as the verification process would prevent usage of fake number plates.

The technology unravelling in Bengaluru, will inevitably be replicated in other cities of the state as they grow. So, it's time to perfect it here to achieve accuracy. Deterrence will build up only when motorists realise that technology is accurate and just, and that they cannot escape the penalties for violation.

Shivalinge Gowda to head housing board

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KM Shivalinge Gowda, Arsikere MLA, and SR Srinivas from Gubbi, who had joined Congress from JDS, have been made chairpersons of Karnataka Housing Board, and KSRTC.

Other Congress MLAs appointed are

Hampanagouda Badarli, KSIIDC; Appaji CS Nadagouda, KSDL; Raju Kage, Northwest Transport Corporation; HY Meti, Bagalkot Urban Development Authority; Basavaraj Neelappa Shivannavar, Forest Development Corporation; HC Balakrishna, Karnataka State Road Development Corporation; GS Patil, Mineral Development Corporation; Kaujalagi Mahantesh Sivananda, KSFC; GT Patil, Hutti Gold Mines Corporation; Raja Venkatappa Nayaka, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation; BK Sangameshwara, Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Ltd/Land Army; Abbayya Prasad, Karnataka State Slum Development Board; Belur Gopalakrishna, Karnataka State Forest Industries Corporation; SN Narayanaswamy, KUIDFC; T Raghumurthy, Karnataka State Small Scale Industries Development Corporation; Ramesh Babu Bandi Gowda, Cescom; B Shivanna, BMTC; SN Subbareddy, Karnataka State Seeds Corporation; Vinay Kulkarni, Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board; Anil Chikkamadhu, Jungle Lodges; Khaneez Fatima, KSIC; Vijayananda Kashappanar, Karnataka Sports Authority; TD Rajegowda, Renewable Energy Development Corporation; Satish Krisha Sail, Karnataka Marketing Consultant and Agencies; Sharat Kumar Bachegowda, KEDC; JM Ganesh, KHDC; Basavanagouda Turuvihala, Khadi and Village Industries Board.

Union govt suppressing data on unemployment, says Parakala

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@ Mangaluru

DR Parakala Prabhakar, political economist and husband of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on Friday accused the Union government of suppressing data to divert issues from unemployment and economic crisis.

Delivering a talk, 'Republic in Crisis', organised by the Mahatma Gandhi Peace Foundation in Mangaluru on Republic Day at Tagore Park, he said, "The unemployment rate in India is highest in the world at 24% and similar situation is witnessed in Iran, Syria and Lebanon. Our neighbour Bangladesh fares better with just 12% of unemployed youth. In January 2022, over 1.25 crore youth applied for 35,000 non-technical posts in the Indian Railways and the situation turned chaotic and led to unrest in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh as unemployed youth gathered in huge numbers for the interview."

He said, "The Union government is not providing data on unemployment and is suppressing it. Ironically, the Prime Minister has accurate data on how many times opposition party leaders have hurled abuses at him, that is 91 times, which he claimed during a roadshow in Karnataka prior to assembly polls."

He added that governments must provide accurate data. On domestic investment in India, Dr Prabhakar said it has hit an all-time low to 5% compared to 30-40% in southern states.

He said, "Democracy will get affected when there is no resistance against fanaticism. Today, one religion is being portrayed as supreme in our democratic and secular country. Those who oppose them are being called anti-nationals, Khalistanis, Naxals etc. Such people who instill fear in the minds of the people and secular people who suddenly changed themselves into 'bhakts' and go on to even buy land at Ayodhya are dangerous for this country. In a democratic country, every citizen has a right to live freely and follow a religion of their choice. We need to protect the diversity of this land," he urged.

Meanwhile, a book authored by Dr Prabhakar, 'The Crooked Timber of New India', was released by Valerian Rodrigues, retired professor, JNU, Delhi.

A man identified as B Sabareesan (31) from Tiruchy was found dead in his car on the bank of Vennaru river near Thanjavur on Friday. Passers-by who found him dead broke open the glass of the car to retrieve the body. Forensic experts collected fingerprints from the car and the bottles to ascertain the cause of death

Tamilisai heaps praise on Cong govt in TS on R-Day

'People's govt formed in Telangana; End to 10-year dictatorial govt'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

DENOUNCING the previous BRS government, Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan on Thursday said that for the first time after the formation of Telangana, the incumbent government is performing in the true spirit of the Constitution. "I am proudly saying that people's freedom and their fundamental rights are now highly regarded in the Telangana administration. With inspiration from Dr BR Ambedkar, the people's government is heading forward, aiming for the welfare of the poor, BC, SC, ST, and Minority communities. ," the Governor said. Presiding over the Republic Day celebrations at Public Garden on Thursday, the Governor unfurled the national flag and took salute at the march past ceremony. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and other officials were present. In her address, the Governor, quoting Ambedkar, said that the Constitution was not a mere legal document; it was a vehicle of life and its spirit was always the spirit of the age. "The Constitution gave people enough powers to remove rulers who run governments against the spirit of the Constitution through elections. We achieved separate Telangana with the inspiration of the Constitution and the rights enshrined in it. The Constitution also provided the people the opportunity to dethrone governments ruling against the constitutional spirit. Telangana society has put an end to the 10-year dictatorial government run against the Constitutional spirit. A people's government has been formed in the state," the Governor said.

Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at the Republic Day celebrations in Hyderabad on Friday

No place for arrogance in society, says Guv

The people's mandate declared that arrogance and autocracy had no place in Telangana, she said, adding: "We are reconstructing the constitutional bodies and values which were ruined in the last 10 years. I am delighted to say that the people's government is reviving constitutional merits. The fruits of democracy will reach the people only when the government runs the administration in tune with the spirit of the Constitution."

Ram, thread that unites Bharat: Ravi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

HAILING Sri Ram as the 'common thread that unites Bharat', Governor RN Ravi said on Friday that Sri Ram has a deep connection with Tamil Nadu. His story has inspired and enriched Tamil literature since the Sangam period, is the soul of Carnatic music and has enriched classical dance forms, Ravi said.

"The most ardent devotees of Sri Ram are from Tamil Nadu, and the great poet Kambar wrote the Ramavataram in Tamil, much before Sri Ram's story was told in other Bharatiya language," Ravi said in his Republic Day speech.

"The Pran Prathishta of Sri Ram has enthused the entire nation, filled it with self-confidence and infused new energy. Sri Ram has been our national icon and inspiration. He is the common thread that unites Bharat and resides in the heart of every Bharatiya. His rule—Ram Rajya — is an ultimate example of good governance, the ideals of which are enshrined in our Constitution," he added.

PADMA SHRI AWARDS

Rohan, Joshna make Kodagu proud

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

IT is a moment of pride for Kodagu as two sports stars from the district are conferred with the Padma Shri -- Rohan Bopanna, who emerged as World No.1 in international men's doubles tennis two days ago, and Joshna Chinappa, international squash player.

A native of Garaganduru of Madapur in Kodagu, Machanda Rohan Bopanna is the son of Bopanna and Mallika. He rose to the top spot after his stupendous performance in the men's doubles at the Australian Open Grand Slam. At 43, he also holds the record of being the oldest World No 1 player. Teaming up with Australian player Mathew Ebden, Rohan will play the finals at the Australian Open. "Rohan has emerged as a world-class player through various levels of achievement in the field of tennis. The hard work he put in is unimaginable and is a day of pride for the family," said Rohan's father MG Bopanna. Rohan was honoured with the Ekalavya Award by the state in 2005.

Sports stars Rohan Bopanna and Joshna Chinappa from Kodagu who were conferred the Padma Shri Award | EXPRESS

Kuttanda Joshna Chinappa is the daughter of Anjan Chinappa. Aged 37, she has won several gold medals in squash, including at the World Squash Doubles Championship, South Asian Games, Asian Individual Squash Championship and Commonwealth Games. Now settled in Tamil Nadu, Joshna's tryst with squash began at a very young age. Taking part in the Republic Day celebrations at Gonikoppal on Friday, Joshna told the media, "I started playing squash after I received encouragement from my parents as a child, which helped me evolve in the game. I take pride in playing for the nation." She thanked all her coaches and trainers for her achievement. The two natives of the district are among 7 Padma Shri awardees in the sports field.

From bonded labourer to tribal activist

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

A JENU Kuruba who worked as a bonded labourer for food in the remote village of Heggadadevanma Kote, and emerged as a frontline tribal activist who made successive governments give due importance to tribal welfare, has been selected for the Padma Shri award.

For Somanna, it was happiness tinged with sorrow at the death of his wife on January 7. "I have been selected for the award when I don't have my wife or mentor around me," he said, tears rolling down his cheeks.

Somanna, who belongs to the 'Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group' from the Motha tribal hadi, would walk into the thick forest in the dark to eat wood apples or elephant apples to beat his hunger. Born into a Jenu Kuruba tribal family in Alathe Hundi, he moved to Motha hadi as his parents felt they could work with landlords and escape starvation. He started as a bonded labourer, working for Rs 16.50 per annum for four years and a maximum of Rs 30 per annum, and lived in a hut on the forest fringes. The rising Dalit movement served as an eye-opener as many, including veterans Ca Nanjundaswamy, Somanahalli Nayaka and others visited tribal hadis and appealed to them to join the Dalit Sangharsha Samiti for their rights.

Prof CRC: A life dedicated to mental health

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

NOTED psychiatrist and former senior professor of psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (Nimhans), CR Chandrashekhar was conferred the Padma Shri this year. His life has been a dedication to mental health and well-being. "He is truly an inspiration for us all. Prof Chandrashekhar has made tremendous contributions in the field of mental health and continues to do so. He has authored several books, articles and letters, and travelled extensively in Karnataka to raise awareness on mental health, and been on the forefront of demystifying witchcraft and sorcery (banamathi)," Nimhans Director Dr Pratima Murthy said.

Fondly referred to as Prof CRC, he started 'Samadhana', a free counselling centre in Bengaluru in 2007, much before he retired from Nimhans in 2013. "He is available to his patients on all days, barring when he is touring on work. He was back at Samadhana a day after he lost his wife. His life is an inspiration and motivation for all volunteers," said volunteer counsellor Sunil N.

Prof Chandrashekha has written over 280 books in Kannada and 40 books in English on mental health, besides personality development and community health. "He has donated Rs 1.2 crore to Nimhans towards the Dementia Care Centre and willed his assets to the institute," added Sunil. His autobiography 'Manovaidyana Aatmakathana (An Autobiography of a Psychiatrist)' lends an insight into his personal and professional life.

"I am very thankful to the government for the recognition. I would like to attribute it to Nimhans. A lot needs to be done in the field of mental health. It needs to be destigmatised," said Prof Chandrashekhar.

Norms violated, cranes used to clean Hampi temple

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Hosapete

IN clear violation of guidelines laid down by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and UNESCO, the authorities in Hampi used heavy vehicles like cranes to clean the renowned Virupaksha Temple. As per the norms, such vehicles are not allowed inside the historical place as vibrations caused by their movement can cause damage to the monuments.

There is a dedicated team in place whose job is to clean the monuments manually. Instead of using them, the district administration used the cranes for this work. While the ASI officials claim that the vehicle entered the temple premises without their permission, the district officials are defending their action by saying that the work was taken up in the presence of ASI officials.

Two heavy cranes at Virupaksha Temple in Hampi on Thursday | EXPRESS

This move of the authorities has not only angered activists but also the local residents who have come down heavily on the officials for their negligent attitude towards the archaeological site. The activists are blaming it on a communication gap among the officials.

They said, on Thursday, two heavy vehicles entered the restricted area of Virupaksha Temple premises to clean the temple tower. As per the guidelines, individuals should clean the monuments. In the presence of ASI, district administration and Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority (HWHAMA) officials, heavy vehicles entered and cleaned the monuments.

"This is not the first time. Last month, Endowment Department employees did some drilling work at the Virupaksha Temple. Higher officials should look into such violations of rules, failing which, we will stage a protest," he added.

A senior official from ASI said the entry of heavy vehicles at Virupaksha Temple did not come to his notice. "It is a clear violation of ASI rules. As per guidelines, we can use cranes only when it is unavoidable and that too in the presence of officials from ASI and a team of experts. We have the required manpower to clean the monuments. Notice will be served to the officials."

GRACEFUL MOVES

A dance performer takes part in the 75th Republic Day Celebrations at RRC grounds in Secunderabad on Friday | SRI LOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

Arif: Dissent essential, must not lead to violence

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM @ PTI

DISSENT and differences of opinion are essential ingredients of democratic functioning but they should not degenerate into violence, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan said on Friday on the occasion of the 75th Republic Day celebrations here.

Khan also said that institutions of higher education need to be autonomous and free of outside interference that could lead the youth to take part in activities that 'pollute the academic environment.' His statements come in the wake of vehement protests against him by the CPI(M)'s student wing SFI, over appointments made by him to senate of some universities, and his displeasure with the ruling Left in the state over alleged political interference in the functioning of varsities by the government.

Khan, leading the Republic Day celebrations at the Central Stadium in the state capital, said that society should not allow group rivalries or internal struggles for power to affect governance as it would set a bad example for the future generations.

The Governor further said that education was the chief means by which a society is transformed and it is the only effective method to purge the mind of old prejudices.

"The future depends on what we are in our thoughts and actions. For this, we need institutions of higher education which are truly autonomous and free from any outside interference that leads the youth to engage in activities which pollute the academic environment," he said at the event also attended by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

"Dissent and differences of opinion are essential ingredients of democratic functioning. But dissent degenerating into violence, be it physical or verbal, is a betrayal of democracy and symbol of human failure" Khan said.

Janasena alliance is transparent: Bonda Uma

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

THE announcement of Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan that it would contest two Assembly seats without consulting its poll partner TDP led to a war of words between the ruling YSRC and the opposition TDP.

While the YSRC dubbed the announcement as a drama, the TDP claimed their alliance is transparent and everything is going on well.

Former minister Perni Venkataramaiah (Nani) said Pawan Kalyan announced that it would contest the two seats succumbing to the pressure of his party leaders and cadre. "The fact is that the TDP did not have an in-charge in the two constituencies -- Rajanagaram and Razole – since long. It is all part of a drama," he said.

Women and child welfare minister V Ushashree Charan, on the other hand, said TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu announcing candidates without consulting the TDP is nothing new. "It is just a trailer. Pawan Kalyan will see many such things in the coming days," she said.

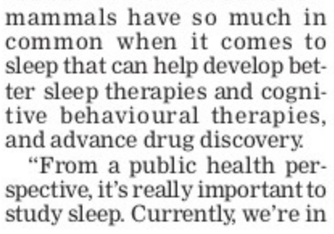
Meanwhile, the TDP maintained that the political truck with the JSP is transparent and there is no wrong on the part of Pawan Kalyan on announcing the candidates of his party for two constituencies.

Speaking to mediapersons Friday, TDP politburo member **Bonda Umamaheswara Rao** said the YSRC leaders are aware that their party will not cross 20 seats because of the alliance of TDP and JSP.

Stating that there is nothing wrong in the statements made by Pawan Kalyan, the TDP leader said that his party has no objection on the two seats Razole and Rajanagaram, for which the JSP announced the candidates. He said that as part of the talks held between TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan, the latter announced his party's candidates for the said two Assembly segments.

Asserting that Naidu and Pawan Kalyan joined hands in the interest of the state and people, he stated that the intentions of both the leaders is to dethrone the Jagan Mohan Reddy government and to give good governance to the people of the state. Accusing the YSRC leaders of spreading false propaganda on seat sharing between the TDP and Janasena through social media platforms, he said the TDP leadership will make an official announcement from the party central office with regard to the seats

Hangyo Ice Cream is now RCB partner



Yellapur: Karavali's famous ice cream brand Hangyo is now Royal Challengers Bangalore's partner. Both companies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Bengaluru confirming the partnership. "Karnataka's coastal region ice cream will now be a part of the RCB at cricket matches which will give a different experience to cricket lovers", said owners of Hangyo.

INSOMNIA

World in middle of sleep loss epidemic: Researcher

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

SLEEP is so ubiquitous, but little is known about the subject and what drives it. Research demonstrates that even non-mammalian organisms modify their sleep behaviours according to ecological and neurobiological demands.

Krishna Melnattur, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Biology, Ashoka University, is currently studying sleep in non-mammalian organisms in his lab, specifically the fruit fly genus, Drosophila. In a conversation with TNIE, he revealed how mammals and non-mammals have so much in common when it comes to sleep that can help develop better sleep therapies and cognitive behavioural therapies, and advance drug discovery.

"From a public health perspective, it's really important to study sleep. Currently, we're in the middle of what's been called a global sleep loss epidemic. This means that people around the world are not getting as much sleep as they need and as they should," said Melnattur. He added that this was one of the major reasons of research to find solutions for insomnia.

Melnattur also said the subject of sleep is quite interesting as it is "intellectually stimulating with a lot of avenues where studies can be conducted."

A recent study co-authored by him argued that sleep's function and structure are not exclusive to mammals. It highlighted that even nematode worms, with a mere 300 neurons, also exhibit the need for sleep. His body of work shows that sufficient sleep plays a critical role in the recovery of bodily functions, memory consolidation, motor skills and spatial recognition across species.

"Declarative memories are important in our lives. We are aware of the fact that when we don't sleep well at night our learning capacity the next day is hampered. So, we are trying to study how sleep benefits declarative memories in humans," Melnattur added. His research showed that when an aged fly's sleep is enhanced by a couple of days, the fly's memory improves and it travels better.

The professor is also exploring the impact of various factors, such as starvation and social interactions, on sleep across different species. This holistic understanding of sleep behaviours across diverse organisms could lead to new possibilities, he said. His research also talks about how sleep is plastic in nature and many animals dispense it from time to time, depending on situations and consequences, including humans, dolphins and pectoral sandpipers.

Melnattur's lab is currently experimenting with 400 different strains of Drosophila and monitoring their behaviours.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 15.02.2023 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Branch Name : Branch Contact No : A/c Name : A/c No :	Description of the property	A) SARFAESI Details Possession B) Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	Bangalore Rajajinagar Sol ID: 408000 **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr.Solomon A & Aruna Solomon **A/C No. 408000NC00005457 4080009900000521**	Residential property bearing No. 28/1, BBMP Khatha Sl.No. 296, Old Khatha No.3, situated at Papareddy Palya, Malagalu, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagaraa Palike ward No. 129, Bangalore and bounded on the: **East by:** Vacant site, **West by:** Remaining Portion of Propery No. 28/1 and 10.0 Feet Road, **North by:** Property of Keshavmurthy and **South by:** Property of Narasimha Rao.	A) 13(2) 11.05.2017 13(4) 23.04.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 44,18,729.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 1,44,00,000.00 B)Rs. 14,40,000.00 C)Rs. 1,50,000.00**
2	BANGLORE ANAND NAGAR (156700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Kanumilli Srinivasa Rao (Borower) **A/C No. 156700NC00005942**	All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.903, 9th Floor, Tower-2, having super built area of 1650 Sq Ft (1300 Square Feet + 350 Square feet of the open Balcony area building known as "SINDHU AMAZON" constructed on property bearing Sy.No. 79/8 (Schedule A property) together with covered car parking space includes the proportionate share in the common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use. Undivided share of 400 Sq.ft of undivided share of right, title and interest and ownership in schedule A property.	A) 13(2) 01.06.2019 13(4) 11.09.2019 Symbolic **B) Rs. 1,01,49,387.28 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 71,42,000.00 B)Rs. 7,14,200.00 C)Rs. 1,00,000.00**
3	Bangalore HSR Layout 477400 **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. T M MUSAVIR **A/C No. 4774009300000316 477400NC00000449 4774009900000143**	All that piece and parcel of residential building bearing No. 23, Ex-Seravicemen colony, CD No.46, Matadahalli R T Nagar, Bangalore 560 032 measuring 1200 Sq.ft)It is residential building consisting of ground floor+2 upper floors constructed area 2250 sft and bounded as follows:- **East by:** Road,**West by:** Site No.22, **North by:** private Property, **South by:** site No.24.	A) 13(2) 17.08.2016 13(4) 08.11.2016 Physical **B) Rs. 99,21,931.08 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 1,26,71,000.00 B)Rs. 12,67,100.00 C)Rs. 1,50,000.00**
4	Bangalore Egl Business Park, Domlur (SOL ID: 754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Bangarbabu T **A/C No. 754700NC00000518**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No.406, with super built up area of 895 sft on the 4th floor undivided 293 sft.,in the Apartment building identified as MVS PRIDE ANNEX situsterd at Kammasandra Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore district. The residential property **East by:** Road, **West by:** Road, **North by:** private property and **South by :** Road.	A) 13(2) 24.08.2021 13(4) 11.11.2021 Symbolic **B) Rs. 42,76,173.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.27,86,000.00 B)Rs. 2,78,000.00 C)Rs. 25,000.00**
5	Bangalore Begur (Electronic City) 606200 (SOL ID: 754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Shri. Krishna C **A/C No. 606200NC00001002**	Residential Flat No. 303, Third Floor 'SRI VANI SYMPHONY' measuring 1275 sq.ft of super built up area, UDS area 269 sq ft situated at Thirupalyas Village, JiganiHobli, AnekalTaluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore-560099 Landmark- Next to G T Homes, Thirupalya Road.	A) 13(2) 19.05.2021 13(4) 15.06.2023 Physical **B) Rs. 47,54,019.21 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.30,80,000.00 B)Rs. 3,08,000.00 C)Rs. 25,000.00**
6	Bangalore Begur (Electronic City) 606200 (SOL ID: 754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Ms. A Jyothi Mary **A/C No. 606200NC00001136**	Residential Flat No. 103, First Floor 'SRI VANI SYMPHONY' measuring 1275 sq.ft of super built up area, UDS area 269 sq ft situated at Thirupalyas Village, JigniHobli, AnekalTaluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore -560099 Landmark- Next to G T Homes, Thirupalya Road.	A) 13(2) 19.05.2021 13(4) 15.06.2023 Physical **B) Rs. 47,58,258.96 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.30,80,000.00 B)Rs. 3,08,000.00 C)Rs. 25,000.00**
7	EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR(754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** K SOMA SHEKAR REDDY **A/C No. 754700NC00001270**	Residential flat no 407, "Sri Vani Symphony" measuring 1300 sqft of super built area together with 286 Sqft of undivided share and interest in property bearing Old Sy No 30/23, New Sy No 30/35 situated at Thirupalya Village, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District ,Bangalore and bounded on the **East By:** Land Belongs to Munisidhappa **West By:** Road, **North By:** Land belongs to Muniyappa and Remaining land in the same survey number. Landmark: next to GT Homes ,Tirupalya Road. Latitude: 12.81909 , Longitude : 77.66547	A) 13(2) 06.01.2018 13(4) 16.04.2018 Physical **B) Rs. 49,39,203.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.28,80,000.00 B)Rs. 2,88,000.00 C)Rs. 25,000.00**
8	BANGALORE,BEGUR (ELECTN.CITY) (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** SAGAR P S **A/C No. 606200NC00001011**	Residential flat bearing No.G-03, Ground Floor in the " Sri Vani Symphony" measuring 1275 sq ft of super built up area together with 269 sq ft of undivided share and interest in property bearing old Survey No. 30/23, new Survey No. 30/35 situated at Thirupalya Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore and bounded on the East by: Land belongs to Munisidhappa, West by: Road, North by: Land belongs to Muniyappa and South by: remaining land in the same survey number. Latitude: 12.8188584 , Longitude: 77.6642761	A) 13(2) 16.11.2019 13(4) 07.03.2020 Physical **B) Rs. 47,08,662.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.28,80,000.00 B)Rs. 2,88,000.00 C)Rs. 25,000.00**
9	BANGALORE,BEGUR (ELECTN.CITY) (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** MURUGA K **A/C No. 606200NC00001145**	Residential flat bearing No.401, Fourth Floor in the " Sri Vani Symphony" measuring 1300sqft of super built up area together with 277 sqft of undivided share and interest in property bearing old Survey No. 30/23, new Survey No. 30/35 situated at Thirupalya Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore rural District, Bangalore and bounded on the East by: Land belongs to Munisidhappa, West by: Road, North by: Land belongs to Muniyappa and South by: remaining land in the same survey number. Latitude: 12.8188584 , Longitude: 77.6642761	A) 13(2) 06.12.2019 13(4) 07.03.2020 Physical **B) Rs. 48,77,755.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.31,93,000.00 B)Rs. 3,19,300.00 C)Rs. 25,000.00**
10	HSR Layout Sol ID: 477400 **Mob No. 9962022231** Shri T M Musavir s/o Khaleel T Smt. Sumaiya Musavir w **A/C No. 4774009300000325**	All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No. Sun-1-7D-1204 on the 12th Floor in 7D Block with super built up area of 894 sq. ft + 188 sft. = 1082 sft. Proportionate common area and one covered car parking in basement in the residential apartment complex known as Provident Sunworth on the land bearing Sy. No. 1 to 26 of Venkatapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk bounded on the **East by :** 3 meters access road thereafter Doddabele village boundary, **West by :** Kambipura village boundary, **North by** : Doddabele Village boundary and **South by** : Virushabhavathi valley/street and private property.	A) 13(2) 03.03.2023 13(4) 31.05.2023 Symbolic **B) Rs. 64,91,362.70 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.52,10,000.00 B)Rs. 5,21,000.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
11	Bangalore EGL Business park Domlur Sol ID: 754700 **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Anukanthkumar & Anitha Roselin A **A/C No. 754700NC00001164**	Flat bearing No 308 in 3rd Floor, in the residential apartment know as "NEHA LEGEND" having super built up area of 1220 square feet with a car parking space in the stilt floor and an undivided 263 square feet share in the land constructed on the land bearing converted Sy No 138/3, Site No 200/1, New BBMP Khata No 1002/ 1199/ 1093/ 882/ 200/1 of Sarvabhouma Nagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South measuring East to West 120 Feet and North to South 80 Feet totally measuring 9600 square feet and bounded on the **East By :** 30 Road, **West By :** Private Property, **North By :** 30 Feet Road & **South By :** 30 Feet Road.	A) 13(2) 01.07.2023 13(4) 04.09.2023 Symbolic **B) Rs. 75,28,497.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.57,60,000.00 B)Rs. 5,76,000.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
12	BANGALORE CITY SOL ID:(004100) **Mob No. 9962022231** M/s. Sai Marketing **A/C No. 00041008700011242**	EM of all that piece and parcel of 3,000 sq.ft of land. M V Rs.36 lacs, R V 32.4 lacs, FSV Rs.28.80 lacs as per valuation report of A K Rappai dtd 30.07.2021. Site no 11 A U Block Shivpriya Nagar 187/2A Marsur VP Kahta no 1917 Madiwala Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal taluk. Bounded on **East by:** Site nos. 12 in AU Block, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Site No.10 in AU Block, **South By:** Road.	A) 13(2) 07.01.2019 13(4) 16.04.2019 Symbolic **B) Rs. 1,43,97,455.56 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs.37,80,000.00 B)Rs. 3,78,000.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
13	Bangalore, Electronic city (606200) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr.Umakanth V **A/C No. 606200NC00000922**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing flat No. 407, in fourth floor, in the residential apartment known as "Neha Legend" consisting of two bedrooms having super built up area of 1130 sft with a car parking space in the stilt floor. An undivided 196 sft share in the land. Bounded on **East by:** 30 feet Road, **West by:** private property and **North by** : 30 feet Road and **south by :** 30 feet Road.	A) 13(2) 28.11.2017 13(4) 23.03.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 54,57,518.76 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 50,30,000.00 B)Rs. 5,30,000.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
14	EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Nori Usha Rani **A/C No. 754700NC00000907**	All that piece & parcel of residential flat G-2 on the ground floor in the residential apartment known as "NEHA ELITE" measuring 1150 sft. Of super built up area together with 291 sft of undivided share and interest in the property together with one car parking space constructed inall that piece and parcel pf, property bearing site No. 246 Sy. No. 246 Sy. No.37/5 BBMP Khatha No.391/360/246 measuring East to West 60 feet and North to south 40 feet in all measuring 2400 sq.ft. situated at Junasandra village, Varthur Hobli Bangalore south Taluk, now property comes under BBMP Jurisdiction in ward no. 150 and bounded on the **East by :** 30 feet road, **West by :** site No.291, **North by :** site No. 245 and **South by :** site No.247 Latitude:- 12.54'16.2N, Longitude: 77.40'45.5"E	A) 13(2) 09.01.2018 13(4) 16.04.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 48,70,922.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 37,00,000.00 B)Rs. 3,70,000.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
15	EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Challur Saravanakumar **A/C No. 754700NC00001182**	Residential prop bearing 2BHK Flat No.402 fourth floor in the apartment abuilding known as SV Flora, measuring 1090 sft of super built up area together with 230 sft of undivided share and interest in property bearing No.15, khatha no. 60/2 CMC Khatha no.365/60-2/15 situated at Singasandra village begur Hobli Bangalore south taluk, now property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Khatha no.264/365/60/2/15 bounded on the **East by:** site No. 16, **West by:** property owned by Narayanaswamy, **North by :** Road, **South by :** property belongs to Narayanaswamy.	A) 13(2) 06.10.2017 13(4) 29.05.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 38,69,755.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 44,00,000.00 B)Rs. 4,40,000.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
16	Bangalore Sadashivanagar SOL ID: 106200 **Mob No. 9962022231** Prashanth B **A/C No. 106200NC00020310**	All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartments bearing Flat No. TF- 5, #3rd floor, South Block, "Eshwari Enclave" measuring 1293 sq ft along with 444.65 sq.ft of undivided share of land in sy No. No. 28/4, property no. 45,PID No. 96-310-45, situated at Vishwanathanagenahalli village Kasaba Hobli Bangalore North ,bounded on: **East by :** Private Property, **West By:** Road, **North By** Private Property and **South by :** Private Property.	A) 13(2) 19.07.2014 13(4) 14.01.2015 Symbolic **B) Rs. 25,81,971.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 34,74,000.00 B)Rs. 3,47,400.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
17	EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Jagadeeshchari P G **A/C No. 754700NC00001401**	Residential property bearing flat No.G3, Ground floor "Neha Mahal" measuring 1050 sq ft of super built up area together with 270 sq ft of undivided share and interest in property bearing site no 16/18, 16/19 and 16/20 formed in Sy No 19/2 situated at 4th main road, Chinnayanapalya, Lakkasandra Extension Bangalore, now property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagarapalike in Ward no 62.	A) 13(2) 07.10.2017 13(4) 21.03.2018 Physical **B) Rs. 1,03,49,304.45 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 32,04,000.00 B)Rs. 3,20,400.00 C)Rs. 30,000.00**
18	BANGALORE DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** RAGHUNANDAN NOORI **A/C No. 754700NC000001252**	Residential Flat bearing No. G2 in the ground floor with super built up area of 1500sft in the apartment known as Sri Vani Symphony constructed on the schedule 'A'property, & having 342 sft on undivided share, right, title & interest in the schedule 'A' property. Property bearing old Sy. No. 30/23 USY No.30/35 situated atThrupalya village Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural district, Bangalore. And the property bounded on **East by** : Land belongs to Mani Siddappa , **West by :** road, **North by :** Land belongs to Muniyappa and **South by** : Remaining land in the survey number.	A) 13(2) 06.01.2018 13(4) 16.04.2018 Physical **B) Rs. 53,88,147.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 39,45,000.00 B)Rs. 3,94,500.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
19	BANGALORE DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Kalyan Chakravarthy & Sravani Bheemani **A/C No. 754700NC00001243**	All that part and parcel of residential apartment bearing No. G-6 in the ground Floor of the apartment known as "Sri Vani Symphony" of super built up area measuring 1580 sft and one car parking area alongwith 410 square feet of undivided share of land situated at Thirupalya village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on **East by** : Flat No.304, **West by:** Road, **North by :** Flat No.306, Remaining land in the same survey number. Geo Tag: 12.818910975262433, 77.6649874796727	A) 13(2) 04.05.2016 13(4) 20.07.2016 Symbolic **B) Rs. 58,48,507.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 54,72,000.00 B)Rs. 5,47,200.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
20	BANGALORE DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. K DIVYA MURTHY **A/C No. 754700NC00000934**	Residential Property bearing Flat no 202 , 2nd floor, in the residential apartment" NEHA ELITE " bearing site no 246 Sy no 37/5 Junnasandra Village,Doddkenehalli Village Panchayat ,Varthur Hobli, Bangalore ,measuring super builtup area of 1150 square feet and undivided share of land 291 square feet and bounded on the **East by:** 30 feet road, **West by:** site no291, **North by:** Site no.245 and **South by:** Site no. 247.	A) 13(2) 07.10.2017 13(4) 28.03.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 53,32,380.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 46,19,700.00 B)Rs. 4,61,970.00 C)Rs. 50,000.00**
21	BANGLORE ELECTRONIC CITY (123820) **Mob No. 9962022231** M RAMACHANDRA **A/C No. 1238300522915**	Residential Property bearing sy no.44/4a, Having area of 3394.50 sq ft at Hebbagodi,Balaji nagar, off Hosur Main road Near Gangamma and Yellamma Temple Biocon compus, Attibele Hobli Anekal Taluk, PID No.55-251-8, Ward No. 55, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560100 and Bounded on, **East by :** 5feet Road & Land of Krishnappa, **West by :** Land of Venkatesh, **North by :** M Shankar's Property in the Same Sy no and **South by :** Papanna's Property in the Same Sy no.	A) 13(2) 27.05.2021 13(4) 15.09.2021 Symbolic **B) Rs. 14,30,850.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 1,83,62,000.00 B)Rs. 18,36,200.00 C)Rs. 2,00,000.00**
22	BANGLORE ELECTRONIC CITY (123820) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Anjinappa **A/C No. 1238300524025 & 1238300524773**	Residential apartment Ittina Neela measuring 550 Sqft situated at Andhapura Village Attibele Hobli, Flat No 152, 2 BHK unit at 3rd floor, 'F'Block, Sy No 5/3-46,47 and 48, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. Boundaries of the property **North by :** Property bearing No 5/2, 5/4 and 5/5, **South by** : Property bearing No Sy No 45, **East by :** Property Bearing No 46 and 5/4 and **West by :** Property bearing Sy No 49 and 5/1.	A) 13(2) 03.05.2018 13(4) 12.12.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 21,12,581.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A)Rs. 52,50,000.00 B)Rs. 5,25,000.00 C)Rs. 1,00,000.00**

Encumbrances : No such information known to the best of knowledge of Authorized Officer. The bidders are requested to do their own Due Diligence.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE : 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com. 2.** The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date. **3.** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. **4.** Platform **(https:www.mstcecommerce.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com**. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. **5.** The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in, 6.** The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e -बिक्रय IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in). **7.** The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days),the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interested bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction. **8.** Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding. **9. During the e-auction, there has to be a minimum of one bid increment and bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as mentioned against each properties to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed. 10.** It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. **(1)** In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal. **11.** After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider). **12.** The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. **13.** The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at Bangalore. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. **14.** Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. **15.** The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. **16.** The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. **17.** The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 18.** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **19.** It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided. **20.** All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. **21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. 22.** The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions. **23.** It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in.**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 26.01.2024

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

RAIPUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

RAICHUR POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(YERAMARUS THERMAL POWER STATION)
(A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KPCL, BHEL)
CIN : U40101KA2009PLC049582

No.KPCL/2023-24/SE0095 Date.25.01.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited from reputed companies / persons **for coal supplies from various loading point/s of SCCL & having adequate knowledge & experience about movement, handling & delivery of approximately 52.36 lakh MTs of coal per annum under Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) by All Rail Route to Yermarus Thermal Power Station (YTPS) including the works of liaisoning, supervision & monitoring of quality and quantity from SCCL Loading Point/s for a period of one (01) year.** The last date for receipt of the completed bids is **17.00 hrs. 08.02.2024.** The tender document can be downloaded from the website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/.** Further details can be had from THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MINES), KPCL, No.82, Shakti Bhavan, III Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Telefax. No. 080-22203894. e-mail: **cefuelskpcl@karnataka.gov.in** website: **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in** e-portal helpdesk/ HP help desk: **+91-8046010000 +91-8068948777**

Karnataka Maritime Board, Government of Karnataka

KMB invites interested parties to participate in the 'Transaction Advisory Services' for operationalization of Four (4) berths at Karwar, Malpe, Old Mangalore (City Side) and Old Mangalore (Bengre side) on a PPP basis under the Rehabilitate, Operate, Maintain, transfer (ROMT) Model - Request for Proposal (RFP)

(Service Indent No: IDD/2023-24/SE0010)

Interested Parties may download the Transaction Advisory Services' RFP document from the Karnataka e-procurement website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for detailed terms and conditions of Transaction Advisory Services' All future communications/corrigendum for the above Transaction Advisory Services will be issued only on the Karnataka **E- Procurement website.**

For any query kindly contact Director, Ports & Member (Maritime & IWT Operations), KMB
directorate@karnataka.gov.in,ceokmb2019@gmail.com
or **080-295-77444**

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Chief Executive Officer,
Karnataka Maritime Board

Last date for submission of Documents -17:00 hrs, 31.01.2024

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka enterprise)
Executive Engineer,VJNL, UBP, Division No.04, Hosadurga
Ph/Fax No: 08199 – 230018 e.mail I.D: eevjnlubpdvn4@gmail.com

No: EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-04/TD.NO.4&5/2023-24 Date:23/01/2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Only through E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM)

Percentage tender through e-portal in Two cover system is invited by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 4 Hosadurga on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, from the eligible contractors who fulfils the pre-qualification conditions for the works under SCP-TSP Head of Account for the "Indent no:-24 & 23" for Rs.253.75 & Rs. 169.26 lakhs. The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 25/01/2024. Pre bid meeting will be held on 31/01/2024 on O/o Chief Engineer, VJNL, UBP Zone, Chitradurga at 11.00 hrs. Details such as Amount put to tender/ EMD amount/ qualification of Bidders/ Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through e-procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours up to 30/01/2024. The date for submission of completed tenders is 03/02/2024 upto 17.30 hrs. The tender will be opened on 05/02/2024 @ 11.00 hrs at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No.04, Hosadurga through e-procurement. The date of opening of Financial Bid will be intimated to the qualified bidders. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not bound to accept the lowest tender.
Note: EPF Registration Certificate is mandatory; the tenders of the bidder who fails to upload EPF Registration Certificate will be disqualified.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 508/2023-24

Sd/- Executive Engineer
VJNL, UBP, Division No. 4 Hosadurga

Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri

(Government of Karnataka -Reg Autonous Institute)
Phone: 08272 220606 Website: www.kimskodagu.kar.nic.in

Ref:No. ME/2023-24/IND: **Date: 24.01.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible tenderrers through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** GOK, for providing the Manpower Services to KoIMS & Teaching Hospital, KoIMS, Madikeri. Applications can be download from **25-01-2024**, last date for upload is **24-02-2024**, for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.
e-mail: **directormckodagu@gmail.com**

Chief Administrative Officer,
KoIMS, Madikeri.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Small and Medium Enterprises Center,
Koramangala, Bengaluru 560068
Tel: 080-25532170. email-sbi.40688@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)
A/c. No.: 54027394639

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **7.11.2023** calling upon the borrower: **M/s. Lakshmi Medicals Prop. V Prasanna Kumar** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 6,83,929/-** (Rupees Six lakhs eighty three thousands nine hundred twenty-nine only) as on 26.09.2023 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower has failed to repay the full amount mentioned above, and there is a balance of **Rs.5,34,147.00** (Rupees five lakh thirty four thousand one hundred forty seven only) as on 17.1.2024 plus interest plus expenses thereon, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **23.01.2024.**
The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an aggregate amount of **Rs.5,34,147.00** (Rupees five lakh thirty four thousand one hundred forty seven only) as on 17.1.2024 plus interest plus expenses thereon.
The borrower's / mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property situated in Sulikunte village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bengaluru South bearing sy.no.(124) Khata no. 267/122/123 measuring 50X25 feet, bounded as under: East by : 20 feet mud road,West by : remaining site in the same number, North by: remaining site in the same number, South by: site no.123 belonging to Smt . D V Manjula

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 23.01.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
STATE BANK OF INDIA
SMEC, Koramangala, Bengaluru

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	**45348640000051 & 45349660001505**	**1) M/s. V3 Products,** Represented by its Prop. **Mrs. Shanthi C, 2) Mrs. Shanthi C,** Proprietor of **M/s. V3 Products, 3) Mr. P Bhoopalan,** Husband of **Mrs. Shanthi C**	**16-11-2023 Rs.47,12,919.77** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen and Paisa Seventy Seven Only) **due as on 14-11-2023**	**Time: 24-01-2024 Time: 03:55 P.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: Schedule-"A" (Description of the Property): All that piece and parcel of property bearing Western side of Site No.02, Assessment No.63/6, Old No.63, Khatha No.63, Dasarahalli Municipal Council Khatha No.69, presently BBMP Khatha No.2306, situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 30 Ft. and North to South: 55 Ft., in total 1650 Sq.ft. and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Property belonging to temple, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road & **South by:** Private Property.			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 27.01.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENTS LOST

The General public are hereby Informed that my client **Mr. Murtaza Abbas Bandukwala,** S/o. Mr. Abbas Abdul Tayeb, aged about 44 years, residing at White Rose, # 178/2, National Park Road, Bannerghatta, Bangalore-560 083, has lost the original Sale Deed bearing No. CMP-1-2194/2017-18 dated 05.07.2017 registered before the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore in respect of the property bearing all that piece and parcel of the shop bearing No. 10 measuring an area of 997 sq.ft on the mezzanine floor in the Commercial building known as Express New city complex property with undivided share of 199 sq.ft in the land compromised and bearing Municipal Census No. G-89 and Nos. 18 to 26 (compromising old shops and exits for the theater, corporation old No. 90) and New No. 13, Narasimharaja Road, Bangalore situated within the Corporation Division No. 47 of Chamarajpet Range.

The above said both original deeds have been lost on at Bengaluru. In this regard my client have lodge a Police Complaint to Bangalore Kalasipalyam Police Station on 21/12/2023 vide lost report number No. 0858736/2023, if anyone find the above said original documents.

Kindly handover to the undersigned address.

Sd/-

Dr.M. Sunil Sastry, Advocate,
M/s. Sastry & Co.,
No. 1098, O.T.C Road, Nagarthpet,
Bengaluru-560 002 Mob: 98453 42111

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed on behalf of my Clients, **Mr Shivanand Jha and Mrs Sharmila Jha,** that the document **Original Page No. 24 (Annexure C)** of the Conveyance Deed 16.03.2017 registered vide document BGR-1-07073-2016-17 before Sub-Registrar Begur, Bangalore for the purchase of the Schedule Property, is misplaced and not traceable yet. The report of the same has been lodged at the Hulimavu Police Station, Bangalore, Karnataka vide report number 0903206/2024 dated 25.01.2024 Public are hereby notified that whoever finds the said documents are required to inform or handover the said document to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Apartment **D2-181** i.e. Apartment bearing **No. 01,** *interalia* comprising of 3 bedrooms, located at 18th floor of Block D2 of Building No. 1 of Westend Heights, having Super Area **1419 sq ft** and Apartment Area **1112.373 sq ft,** Located at **Akshay Nagar, Begur** along with exclusive right to use **Car Parking** Space S-110 and along with proportionate undivided interest of **435.619 sq ft** in the land and bounded on the :

East by : Open Space;
West by : Staircase;
North by : Open Space; and
South by : Apartment No. 2.

Kartikeya Khanna
Advocate and Solicitors
Enrolment No. KAR/126/2022
#18, Ground Floor, 5th Cross East,
Akshay Nagar Begur, Bangalore - 560068
counselkhanna@gmail.com, 9620933324

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXVII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
(CCH-38) O.S. No. 4663/2020

BETWEEN : Ramusa S/o Late Bhagasa Aged about 82 years R/at No 16/1, crescent Road, American Colony, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru 560 001

PLAINTIFF

AND Hamjad Ali DEFENDANT

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO 2 AND 3 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1A) OF CPC

Defendant No.2 Sri.P.S. Venkate Gowda S/o P.S. Sadashivaiah Aged about 42 years R/at No.39, 10th main, 13th Cross, Nisarga Colony Horamavu, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru -560 043

Defendant No.3 Mrs.Lavanya Mohan Kumar W/o G.Mohan Kumar Aged about 43 years R/at No.4, Sri Lakshmi Nivasa, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Kaveri Nagara, M.V. Extension, Hosakote. Bengaluru Rural District

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendants for relief of Specific performance of contract in respect of schedule property. Hence you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, either in person or through the pleader on the **21st day of February 2024 at 11.00 AM** to answer the same, failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte

Schedule property: All that piece and parcel of Southern Portion of Site bearing No.10, in converted survey No.101/1, bearing House List Khatha No. 175/3, BBMP Khatha No. 57/175/3/10 at Horamavu Village, K.R. Param Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 63 feet and North to South 50 feet and bounded on:- **East by** : 20 Feet Road, **West by** : Private Property, **North by** : Northern Portion of the same property measuring 21ft X 63 ft. **South by** : Shamanna Reddy's Property

Give under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 20th day of Jan 2024

By Order of the Court
SD/- Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
Sri. B.G. Chandramouli Advocate
No. 13/B, 8th Main Road, 4th Block Rajajinagar, Bengaluru -560 010

SRI DURGA MALLESWARA SWAMY VARLA DEVASTHANAM

INDRAKEELADRI, VIJAYAWADA-520001, Toll Free No.18004259099
Sealed Tender, e-Tender & Public Auction
Human Hair - TENDER NOTIFICATION Rc.No:C1/5673/2023, Dt.26-01-2024

Licence rights for collection of Human Hair offered by the Devotees in Kesakhandana sala for the period of two years i.e., 01-02-2024 to 31-01-2026. Auction will be conducted on 05-02-2024 at 11:00 AM at Mahamandapam 6th floor. For other details please visit http://ap.eprocurement.gov.in or contact: 9640595555, 8639464333.

For Arjitha Sevas, Paroksha Sevas and Donations Visit https://kanakadurgamma.org

Karnati Rambabu, Trust Board Chairman Sd/- **K.S. Ramarao,** Deputy Collector & Executive Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that My Client **Mr. Jagadeesh.V,** S/o Late P.M.V Reddy, Residing at 170,Chamundeshwari Layout, Near Paras Manyata Apartment, Rachenalli, Dr.Shivaram Karanth Nagar Bangalore -560077 Bangalore has Lost the Original Sale deed dated . 23/06/2003 Vide Document No. 5998/2003-04, Book -I , Reg in sub registrar office , K.R.pura If any person, has found/got possession of the said instrument may please return the same to my client above mentioned or to the below mentioned office , and in this regard my client has already registered a Complaint with RMC YARD Police station Bangalore dated 4/03/2021 in GSC No.PO1349210600153, AND the public are hear by informed that any transaction with the above mentioned, shall be deemed to be invalid and not binding on my client

SRINIVAS PRASAD, M.S. B.A. LLB. Advocate
No.116, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross,Patel Muniyappa Layout, V.N. Halli, R.T.Nagar Post, Hebbala, Bangalore-560032. Mob : 9880203118
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NOTICE FOR LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to certify that my client **Mr.K. MURALI,** aged 55 years, son of G. Krishnan, residing at "KANNAKAMA NILAYAM" No.21, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, Kammanahalli, Kullappa Circle, Bangalore- 560084 States by way of affidavit Dated: 19th January 2024, sworn before notary L Gopalakrishna. Advocate, that his father G.Krishnan, has lost his original sale deed registered as document No.2198, Dated: 12/03/1972, subject to Property bearing No.7/1. P.No.1st Street, Nala Road, Armstrong Road Cross, Bangalore, if anybody found the above said property document, please contact to my below said address.

C.DORAISAMY M.A,B.Ed.L.L.B
Advocate
No. 15, Priya illam, IIIrd Cross, LB. Sastrinagar, Ind Stage, Bangalore-560038 M : 9980005381

Fortis HOSPITAL

Banneraghatta Road, Bengaluru

Notice: DISPOSAL OF HOSPITAL MEDICAL RECORDS

In patient Medical Records From (IP No.183748 to 210781) 01/03/2017 to 28/02/2018 will be destroyed. Whosoever interested can contact the Medical Records Department to collect their records within one month from the date of this notification.

Note: Not applicable for Medico Legal Case, Death, Birth & Paediatric Medical Records

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public in General that I Mr.Megharaj N.K S/o of Karibasappa N.T. r/a No.17, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, Bhovi palya, Mahalakshmipuram, Bengaluru-5600086 that I entered in to an Registered Agreement of Sale vide document no. 2447/2015-16 dated 11.06.2015 with Sri.P.K.Kiran S/o Sri.Prem Kumar r/a No.25, 7th main, Srinivasanagar, BSK 1st Stage Bangalore 560050 in respect of the schedule property.

It is brought to the notice of the General Public even after the expiry of nine years from the date of Execution of Registered Agreement of Sale. Sri.P.K.Kiran Kumar has not come forward to register the Sale Deed and in view of the same the Registered Agreement of Sale stated supra stand terminated as per LAW.

It is to inform that in view of the termination of the above Registered Agreement of Sale I am a executing a Absolute Sale Deed in favor of Smt. Susheelamma, W/o Late.Y.H.Shankar, residing at 46, 3rd cross, 1st main J.C.Nagar Mahalakshmipuram Bangalore-560086 in respect of the schedule property.

It is to inform that any one has got any objections in respect of my client executing the Sale Deed in favor of Smt Sushelamma, they are at liberty to file their objections within 15 days from the date of the publication of the notice to the under signed Advocate.

Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential bearing No.2, Khatha No.KAD/2, measuring East to West: (20' + 20'6")2 feet and North to South (28'9" +34'3")/2, in total measuring 638 sqft, formed in converted land bearing Sy.No. 87, situated at Kambipura village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, "SRINIDHI GREEN WOODS" bounded as Follows: East By: Site No.1, West By: Site No.3, North By: Private Property, South By Road

M.Madan Gopal
Advocate
No.93/2, Charles Campbell Road,
Cox Town, Bangalore-560 005.
Mob: 9242137227

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No:KPCL/2023-24/SE0096 Date: 25.01.2024

SHORT-TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through KPP portal only) (Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited from reputed companies / persons having adequate knowledge, expertise and funds mobilisation capacity for **"Liaisoning, Movement, handling and delivery of upto 10.00 lakh MT of Coal from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Talcher in Odisha to Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) in Karnataka by Rail-Sea-Rail route" for a period of 6 months.** The last date for receipt of the completed bids is **17.00 hrs on 09.02.2024.** The tender document can be downloaded from the website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from **THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MINES), KPCL, No.82, Shakti Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Telefax. No.080-22203894** e-mail:cefuelskpcl@karnataka.gov.in/website:www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in **KPPP (e-portal) helpdesk/ HP help desk: +91-8046010000/ +91-8068948777**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸಾರಿಗೆ ನಿಗಮ

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ: ಮಂಗಳೂರು

ಸಂ.: ಕರಾಸ:ಮಂವಿ:ಸಂ:ವಾ:2566:2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.01.2024

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಂಧಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: 07:2023–24
(ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ಹೋರ್ಡಿಂಗ್ಸ್/ಗ್ಲೋಸೈನ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್)
(ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಸಂಧಾನ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕ.ರಾ.ರ.ಸಾ.ನಿಗಮದ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಬಸ್ಸು ನಿಲ್ದಾಣ/ಘಟಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ/ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಗಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ/ಖಾಲಿಯಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ಹೋರ್ಡಿಂಗ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ಲೋಸೈನ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಲು ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್‌ವಾರು ಮಾದರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐದು(05) ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆದಾರರನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಸಂಧಾನ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವವರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ನಿಗದಿತ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಯ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **12.02.2024 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **12.02.2024ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 10.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಮತ್ತು **ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸಮಯ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** (ಯಾವುದೇ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ದೋಷವಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ).

ಸಂಧಾನಕ್ಕೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಮಳಿಗೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ಆಸಕ್ತರು ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಮತ್ತು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವ ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ (ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕೃತ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನಿಂದ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಪದನಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದು) ಡಿ.ಡಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಾವತಿಸಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಷರತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ: **15.02.2024ರಂದು 10:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಪಡೆದು ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15.02.2024ರಂದು ಸಮಯ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಸಂಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕ.ರಾ.ರ.ಸಾ.ನಿಗಮ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಿಜೈ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು–575004 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಸಂಚಾರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ– 7760990702 & ಸಹಾಯಕ ಸಂಚಾರ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು: 7760990711 ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಕ.ರಾ.ರ.ಸಾ.ನಿಗಮ,
ಮಂಗಳೂರು

DIPR/CP/3270/SPAN/2023-24

Government of Karnataka
(Forest Department)

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN PARK CUM MINI ZOO, KALABURAGI

Office Phone No. 08472 -256601, email:dcf_tgulbarga@yahoo.co.in

No. A7/ZOO/CIVIL/WORK/Tender/ CR /2023-24 Date: 24.01.2024

:: CALL-3 SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

1) Detail of work : **1) Construction of Golden Jackal Enclosure in Zoo Area at New Zoological Park Madbool Mini Zoo, Kalaburagi,** 2) Budget Head : ZAK, 2) Amount of Estimate: **Mini (In Lakhs) : 88.00, Max (in lakhs) : -,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor /firm: As per tender documents, 4) Details of Tender application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee & EMD As per Tender Document, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **31.01.2024 up to 4.00 PM,** 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tender : **01.02.2024 up to 4.30 PM,** 7) Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid : **02.02.2024 after 5.00 PM,** 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **03.02.2024 after 5.30 PM,** 9) Add. Information : DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHILDREN PARK CUM MINI ZOO, KALABURAGI, 10) Address of E- Portal : **http:kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests &
Executive Director of Children Park Cum Mini Zoo, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/741/KSMC&A/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi

E-mail: ka.kalaburagi.dudc@gmail.com, Ph No : 08472 - 278604
Fax No : 08472 – 278604 www.kalaburagidudc.mrc.gov.in

No.DUDC/Indira Canteen/ 01 /2023-24 Date: 24.01.2024

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

The Deputy Commissioner Kalaburagi District: Kalabuargi invites tender in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 rules 2000 through E-Procurement 2.0 Portal in two cover system using KG-2 document from the service providers for providing Hotel/Restaurant services for **"INDIRA CATEEN"** of City Corporation Kalaburgi Limits Kalaburagi District works as detailed below:- 1) Description of Work : **TENDER No: DMA/2023-24/IND0662,** 2) Amount put to Tender (Rs. In Lakhs): **792.05,** 3) EMD Amount (Rs. In lakhs) : **11.88**

Caterer/Suppliers can download and submit the tenders from dated: **24.01.2024** through E-procurement 2.0 portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1) Pre Bid Meeting Date Commenced on : **12.02.2024 at 12.00 PM,** 2) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications : **26.02.2024 up to 5.30 PM,** 3) Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : **27.02.2024 up to 5.30 PM,** 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **29.02.2024 at 11.00 AM,** 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **07.03.2024 at 11.00 AM**

Postponement of Calendar of events (or if any information is only published through e-Procurement 2.0 portal only) and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/744/KSMC&A/2023-24

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CCH 36 XXXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BANGALORE
O.S. No. 3793/2023

BETWEEN: 1. Dr. L Shanthakumari Sunder IAS (Retd.), Former Addl. Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Daughter of Late Sundersingh, aged about 73 years, Residing at No.57, MCHS Colony, 21st Main, 5th A Cross, BTM II Stage, Bangalore 560 076. **2. Dr. Stanley Cecil Macaden,** Director, Baptist Hospital (Retd.), Son of Cecil Macaden, aged about 76 Years, Residing at No.577, 16th B Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034. **3. Mrs. Gifty Abey John,** Former Technocrat, Wife of Abey John, aged about 67 years, Residing at 109, Petra Park Apartments, Emerald Block 1, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Bangalore 560 016. **4. Mr. J M Rajamanikam,** Industrialist, Son of Late LG John,Aged about 54 Years, Residing at 101 SRK Orchids, 1st C Main, Jakasandra Extension, Koramangala 1st Block, Bangalore-560 034. **5. Mr. T.P. Arthur,** Former Banker, Son of Late S Theodore, aged about 66 years, Residing at No. F-004, Wilson Manor Apartment, 13th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560 027 ... **PLAINTIFFS**

AND: 1. Bishop Anil Kumar Servand, Major, Fathers name not known, President Council of Bishops Bishop, Bombay Regional Conference, North India Regional Conference, Bengal Regional Conference, Having Office at At 21, Y.M.C.A. Road, Mumbai Central, Mumbai 400 008. Maharashtra. **2. Bishop Subodh C Mondal,** Major, Fathers name not known, Secretary Council of Bishops Bishop, Delhi Regional Conference, Agra Regional Conference, Lucknow Regional Conference, Methodist Church In India, Having Office at Bishop's House 17, Bouleward (Nityanand), Road, Delhi - 110 054. **3. Bishop M A Daniel,** Major, Fathers Name not Known, Member - Council of Bishops, Bishop, Hyderabad Regional Conference, Madhya Pradesh Regional Conference Methodist Church in India, Having office at Bishop's House, 5-8-336, Chapel Road, Hyderabad- 500 001,A.P. **4. Bishop ED Yesurathnam,** Major, Fathers name known Member - Council of Bishops, Bishop, Chennai Regional Conference, Moradabad Regional Conference, Methodist Church In India, Having office at BKN Educational Centre, 5/6, Ritherdon Road, Balar Kalvi, Nilayam Campus, Vetary, Chennai - 600 007, Tamil Nadu. **5. Rev. Namdeo Laxman Karkare,** aged about 75 years, Son of late Laxman Namdeo Member - Council of Bishops, Bishop, Gujarat Regional Conference, Bangalore Regional Conference, Methodist Church in India, Baldwin Methodist Educational Centre, No.13, Convent Road, Richmond Town, Bangalore - 560 025. Email: bishopkarkare@gmail.com,Bangalore_areamci@yahoo.com. **6. Methodist Church In India,** Methodist Center, No.21, YMCA Road, Mumbai - Represented by its General Secretary. **7. Rev. Sebastian Ravi Kumar,** Son of Rajappa Gershom, aged about 51 years, District Superintendent, Bangalore, Richmond Town Methodist Church, No.4, Kingston Road, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560 025. **8. Rev David Livingston,** Fathers name not known, aged about 49 Years, District Superintendent, Goa, Senior Pastor Methodist Church, Panjim, Presently at Bangalore At Baldwin Boys High School, No. 14, Hosur Road, Bangalore 560 025. **9. Rev. Mohan Kumar,** Fathers name now known, age not Known, Major, Pastor, Indiranagar Methodist Church, 13th Main Road, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560 025 ... **DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE U/o 1 RULE 8 CPC

Whereas, the Plaintiffs have filed the above Suit against the Defendants for following reliefs:

(A)To declare that the Plaintiffs and the members of Koramangala Methodist, Church are entitled to worship in the Koramangala Methodist Church, Koramangala, under the stewardship of the Pastors who were holding office as Pastors as on 14th May, 2023,

(B) Further declare that the actions of the Defendant No.5 in appointing Defendant Nos.8 and 9 as Pastors to Koramangala Methodist Church is arbitrary and illegal and not binding on the Members of the Koramangala Methodist Church;

(C) Further Declare that the Plaintiffs and Members of Koramangala Methodist Church have lost confidence in the administration of the Defendant Nos. 5 and 7 on account of the Inquiry Report dated 20.01.2021 among other reliefs.

Whereas, the Hon'ble court, upon hearing the Plaintiffs and Defendants on Interlocutory Application filed by the Plaintiffs under Order I Rule 8 of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, numbered as I.A. No.4, allowed the said IA No.4 vide Order dated 05.01.2024 and permitted the Plaintiffs to file the Present Suit in the Representative capacity. The Hon'ble Court has further directed the Plaintiffs to take out notice of institution of this Suit calling any interested party either to join as Plaintiffs or Defendants as required under Order I Rule 8 of Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, Now, therefore, in compliance with the Hon'ble Court's Order dated 05-01-2024, the Publication of notice under Order 1 Rule 8 CPC, is hereby issued calling any interested party either to join as plaintiffs or defendants, if any, in the above matter.

Take notice that, in default on your appearance on **13-02-2024** at 11:00 AM, personally or through your pleader duly instructed to appear in the above matter, the Suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 19-01-2024.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Counsel for Plaintiffs:
RAMESH .A & NIRANJAN KUMAR
C-15, Devatha Plaza, Residency Road
Bangalore-560 025.

Government of Karnataka
(Public Works, Department)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D, SEDAM DIVISION, SEDAM

No.PWD/Ts-1/corrigendum/2022-23/2807 Date: 22-01-2024

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Sub: Tenders called in e-Procurement for the works under KKRDB For the Year 2023-24 in Chittapur Taluka.

Ref:- 1) This office tender notification No. 2839 Dated : 24-01-2024.

With reference to the above subject, The tender called for the works from **Chincholi Taluka Work Indent 7628 Read as 7628 (SC)** in the e-procurement Portal.

Tender condition in the original notification remains same and the information may be got from the website of e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (https// www.kppp.Karnataka.gov.in)

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D Division Sedam

DIPR/Kalaburagi/740/KSMC&A/2023-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

1) My client Sri Tejaram, S/o.Ranchod Ram, Magapuvari Street, Draksharama (V). Ramachandrapuram Mandal/Tq., Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema Dist; State of Andhrat Pradesh, India is intends to purchase the following mentioned schedule property from Sri CHIKKA BABU REDDY S/o.Ramaiah Reddy R/o. # 74, 1 cross, Teachers' colony, Bangalore and initially my client intends to enter into an agreement with the said Chikka Babu Reddy in the first week of February 2024 by giving some advance amount to him.

2) Therefore, it is hereby inform to all the General Public by way of this Paper Publication and call up on the objections, claims or any charge or any kind of mortgages or debts or agreement/s etc., if any on the Notice Schedule Property be brought to the notice of the under signed-Counsel on or before 05-02-2024 along with proof of document to their claim/objections. Otherwise, my client will proceed further to deal with the Schedule Property initially with registered Agreement of Sale Deed Document and then will get regular registered sale deed document for the same from the vendor (Sri CHIKKA BABU REDDY) treating that there are no dispute or encumbrances or claims on the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.3 in Sy.No.116/1B, Khata No.116/1B situated at Munnekolala Village, Vartur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under Mahadevapura CMC Office, measuring East to West 30 ft and North and South 40 ft and bounded on: **EAST:** Site No.2, **WEST :** Site No.4, **NORTH :** Private Property, **SOUTH :** Road

ITEM NO.2: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing SiteNo.37 in Sy.No.116/1B, Khata No.116/1B situated at Munnekolala Village, Vartur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under Mahadevapuram CMC Office, measuring East to West 40.3 ft and North to South (58+62)/2 ft and bounded on: **EAST :** Ramesh's Property, **WEST :** Bhagyamma's Property, **NORTH :** Site No.21 & 20, SOUTH : Road

Draksharama,
Date:26-01-2024.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India (secured Creditor)** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Anekal Branch (15412), Raghavendra Bhavan, Mirza road, Chowda Reddy Circle, Anekal, Bangalore-562106

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) Mr. Muniveerappa C S/o Late Chinnappa, Gollahalli Post, Vanakanahalli, Anekal, Bangalore-562106 **(2) Munivenkatamma** W/o Muniveerappa C, Gollahalli Post, Vanakanahalli, Anekal, Bangalore-562106, **Guarantor: (1) Shankarnag H N** S/o Nanjundappa Vinobhabhave High School, Solur, Anekal, Bangalore-562106.

Amount due: Rs.9,47,058/- + int (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Fifty Eight only) as on 19.08.2022 with further interest, cost & expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: Schedule Property in the name of Mr. Muniveerappa C. "All that part and parcel of Residential immovable property bearing Sl No 356, property no 2/1, admeasuring an extent of East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet situated at Patnagere Gollahalli village, Vanakanahalli, Anekal taluk, Bangalore District, property owned by Muniveerappa C, bounded on the East by: House of Muniyellamma, West by: Property of Nanjundappa, North by: Government, South By: House of Nagarathnamma.

Reserve Price : Rs. 31,20,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 3,12,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twelve Thousand Only)
(10% of Reserve Price)
Date and time of E-Auction: 28.02.2024 from 11.00 am – 4:00 pm (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction,
E-auction website: www.mstcecommerce.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in
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The intending purchaser require to register through :
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
The online E-auction will be held through website:**https://www.mstcecommerce.com**
For auction related queries e-mail to sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com or contact Mr. Shetty Deviprakash M, Branch Manager, Union Bank of India, Anekal Branch, Raghavendra Bhavan, Mirza road, Chowda reddy circle, Anekal, Bangalore-562106, Mob No. 9324915412.

Date: 23.01.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	**1) Mr. Kumar C,** Proprietor of **M/s. Tiles Contract Business, Also at: M/s. Tiles Contract Business,** 2) **Mrs. Hemavathi H**	**Loan Account No. 47039440000014 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building bearing Grama Panchayath Khatha No.147/142 and E-Khatha No.150300702001600145 measuring East-West: 9.144 Mtrs and North-South: 12.192 Mtrs is situated at Agalakuppe Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded as: East:** Site belongs to Gangamma, **West:** Site belongs to Srinivasaiah, **North:** Government Road & **South:** Road.	**Date of NPA: 01-01-2024 Demand Notice Date: 24-01-2024**	**Rs.3,92,626/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Six Only) **due as on 23-01-2024**
2	**1) M/s. Shree Maruthi Sheet Centering and Constructions,** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. K Hanumaiah, 2) Mr. K Hanumaiah,** Proprietor of **M/s. Shree Maruthi Sheet Centering and Construction, Also at: M/s. Shree Maruthi Sheet Centering and Construction,** 3) **Mrs. Poojamma H**	**Loan Account No. 45348640001969 45349660001481 Loan Amount: Rs.45,00,000/- Rs.8,50,000/-**	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Vacant Site No.31, Kachohalli Village Assessment No.40/2, Situated at Kachohalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and **Bounded on:** Measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet in total 1,200 Square feet. **East by:** Site No.32, **West by:** 30 Feet Road, **North by:** 15 Feet Road & **South by:** Site No.22.	**Date of NPA: 01-01-2024 Demand Notice Date: 23-01-2024**	**Rs.57,65,205.36** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Two Hundred Five and Thirty Six Paisa Only) **due as on 22-01-2024**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 27.01.2024, Place: Bangalore Rural & Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 2nd January, 2024

S.O. 38(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH73 in the stretch of land from Km. 75.00 to Km. 86.200 (Mangalore Mudigere-Tumkur Section) in the district of DAKSHINA KANNADA in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, SLAO NH 73 & 275 Mangaluru in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

-: SCHEDULE :-

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 75.00 to Km. 86.200 (Mangalore Mudigere-Tumkur Section) of NH 73 in the state of KARNATAKA

STATE: KARNATAKA			**DISTRICT: DAKSHINA KANNADA**		
Sl. No	**Survey / Plot Number**	**Type of Land**	**Nature of Land**	**Area (in Local Unit)**	**Area (in Hectares)**
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: : Belthangadi				**Village : Charamadi**	
1	148	Private	Wet	65.7662 (Square Meter)	0.0065766
2	149	Private	Wet	2351.819 (Square Meter)	0.235182
3	36	Private	Wet	252.7585 (Square Meter)	0.0252758
4	37	Private	Wet	1088.2312 (Square Meter)	0.108823
5	38	Private	Wet	450.9035 (Square Meter)	0.0450904
6	41	Private	Wet	636.5365 (Square Meter)	0.0636537
7	42	Private	Wet	1193.493 (Square Meter)	0.119349
8	43	Private	Wet	394.4845 (Square Meter)	0.0394485
9	45	Private	Wet	538.062 (Square Meter)	0.0538062
10	52	Private	Wet	845.6525 (Square Meter)	0.0845653
11	55	Private	Wet	610.9375 (Square Meter)	0.0610938
12	56	Private	Wet	668.219 (Square Meter)	0.0668219
13	57	Private	Wet	33.2465 (Square Meter)	0.0033247
TOTAL					**0.9130109**

[F. No. RW/NH/73/Km 75.00-86.20/KNT/3A]

ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy

DIPR/MNG/KSMCA/1187/23-24 dt: 26.01.2024

EDITORIAL

"When the real is no longer what it was, nostalgia assumes its full meaning" — Jean Baudrillard

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— Ramnath Goenka

BALANCE SOCIAL SCHEMES & REFORMS IN INTERIM BUDGET

NIRMALA Sitharaman is all set to present the interim budget for 2024-25 on February 1. She was unwavering in her resolve to follow the roadmap laid by Narendra Modi when she said the focus will be on the four groups of the youth, women, farmers and the poor. It is not surprising given that the four demographic groups will surely hold significant sway over the outcome of the upcoming general elections. At a time when levels of unemployment and inflation are ruling high, the government's focus on the youth is reasonable. Everyone will welcome the government's efforts on creating opportunities for the youth through skills training and such. In order to help improve farmers' income, the government may want to look at the latest technologies and new markets. Welfare schemes on housing, water and electricity look unavoidable.

The retail inflation, as projected by the Reserve Bank, is likely to remain way above 5 percent. Food inflation is going to be a much bigger concern. On the other hand, the youth may be looking for good news on the employment front. With many IT giants slashing manpower, there are concerns across the country. Meanwhile the GDP growth is bringing some smile back on everyone's face. RBI governor Shaktikanta Das recently said the Indian economy is likely to hit a record growth rate of 7 percent in the next fiscal. He believes the inflation is steadily moderating and that RBI is confident of achieving the 4 percent target without much delay.

Indian companies are hoping to see more funds for infrastructure development and measures to boost manufacturing in the Interim Budget. In their submissions before the budget, industry associations have asked for continuing the thrust on capital expenditure. Industry group CII, for one, has requested that capital expenditure be increased by a fifth to ₹12 lakh crore over last year's allocation. Interestingly, it has also asked the Centre to expand support to state capital expenditures in the form of interest-free, 50-year loans to the tune of about ₹30,000 crore. This may be the best opportunity for a while to turn the focus back on the electorate. There is talk of providing relief on fuel prices and taxes. A judicious mix of economic reforms and social schemes will give the interim budget a respectable look.

JOB CRISIS MUST BE AN ELECTION ISSUE

THOUSANDS of Indians queuing up for jobs near the epicentre of a war raging thousands of kilometres away is a picture of sheer desperation. The job seekers standing in the bitter cold of Lucknow and Rohtak this week were hoping to get picked for the 10,000 construction jobs reportedly on offer in faraway Israel. These young men—clerks, drivers, shopkeepers and mechanics among them—could not find regular, well-paying jobs near home. It is the latest in a series of images that paints a grim picture of joblessness in the world's most populous country. Tens of thousands of overqualified Indians have applied for a handful of government jobs on several occasions in the recent past.

On the face of it, the government's latest Periodic Labour Force Survey tells a happy story—the unemployment rate in 2022-23 was at 3.2 percent, about half the 6 percent recorded in 2017-18. But a closer look reveals a bleaker picture—unpaid workers accounted for more than a third of the growth in India's workforce since 2017-18. Azim Premji University's latest State of Working India report offers a wider view. It shows how poorly paid most of the counted jobs are. The share of salaried workers—who typically earn at least twice or thrice of those doing casual work—stagnated at below a quarter of the workforce between 2017 and 2021, even while the total workforce grew by 65 million. There are wide disparities between regions, too. Average salaries in Chhattisgarh and West Bengal were below ₹10,000 in 2021-22, whereas those in Delhi, Goa and Mizoram earned more than double. Many standing in the queues in Lucknow and Rohtak were from the poorer eastern states.

The true picture is not hidden from those in power. With elections on the horizon, Bihar police recruited 70,000 people not long ago; the state has promised 1,40,000 new jobs in the health department soon. If the new Madhya Pradesh government wants to keep its promise of providing four lakh jobs in five years, it needs to give out about 190 jobs a day from here on. Let us keep the earlier untenable promises of "crores of jobs" in the rear-view mirror. The coming elections give Indian voters an opportunity to insist on realistic roadmaps for creating jobs. There cannot be a bigger issue in the world's largest democracy.

QUICK TAKE

FLOATS FOR A YOUNG INDIA

WHILE most parents snoozed their alarms on the holiday morning of January 26, millions of wide-eyed schoolkids across India watched the Republic Day parade. Once they got over the surprise of seeing over-the-top tableaus floating along, some of the kids must have thought: so, this is what our republic is about. And the sight of women space scientists on the ISRO float might have planted a seed of excitement in some, nudging them towards science. The hope of such a pay-off should spur our parade planners to put out more floats on science, arts and sports. Only, one hopes not to see a giant syringe gliding down Kartavya Path to showcase our vaccine victories.

The syncretic power of religions must not be lost. Theology need not be theocratic. Let us bring back the compassionate, playful Ram of our collective imagination

HOPES FOR A NEW REPUBLIC OF OLD STORIES

SHIV VISVANATHAN

Social scientist associated with the Compost Heap, a group researching alternative imaginations

SOURAV ROY

AT a special cabinet meeting this January, the defence minister proclaimed that India had merely obtained the body of freedom in 1947, and the body politic received its soul only in 2024. The man who gave it the soul was Narendra Modi. It required a Shankaracharya's wit to wonder whether it was Ram or Modi who was being consecrated, given the fanfare.

Yet, one has to recognise that Modi has reshaped our sense of India by altering the very idea of India. The plural, informal, syncretic, playful sense of civilisation has given way to the puritanical nation-state as a monolithic entity. Governance today speaks a language alienated from democracy. The nation-state has grown many layers to not only be a developmental state but a national security state. Democracy has become majoritarian to serve the surveillance state.

One has to recognise that this governance model did not encourage much debate. Governance was elaborated like a catechism and a set of diktats summarised the administrative wisdom of the state. This was claimed to be a Sardar Patel inheritance—in doing so, it co-opts and usurps the Iron man of India.

The nation-state was no longer what nationalism dreamt of. The idea of culture, which was almost anarchic, was being rationalised to serve the state. The annals of administration appeared tutorial-college-style as a set of listless techniques. The transition from India as a nation to the nation-state to a national security state was stark in creating shifts in foreign policy. The institutional changes that accompanied it were tacitly articulated. For example, science was now an accompaniment to a securitarian state, and applied science became the need of the hour. The project as a working style became the mode of productivity.

Between nationalism and applied science, the university as a dissenting academy of ideas became a casualty. The idiom of science is no longer speculative but directional. Dissent no longer adds to the idea of democracy. The nation-state has achieved a new panopticisation of thought.

As dissent as a value is devalued, majoritarianism became a twin to governance. What we are seeing is a changing idea of nation and university. A cadre-based political system transformed an open set of institutions into a strict delivery schedule. As a result, the freewheeling, playful, argumentative dissenter was considered anti-national.

Once the idiom of freedom changed, one needed to change the idiom of culture to accommodate it. Today, the mandir and its inauguration are political tools. As such, it creates a new vision and a new mission around the current regime. This is an attempt to use religion instrumentally. It portrays it both as a theological and technocratic exercise. But despite all the folklore and conscious semiotic advertisement, the new mandir, while evoking memory, lacks the full power of myth. India, which one was once a syncretic society where Hinduism was a way of life—a plural being—now succumbs to the civics of monotheism. One does not see moments coming which emphasise a new spirituality.

Religion has a sense of magic and spirituality, a sense of surprise. Religion and spirituality are personal and supra-social. It can't be state-sponsored. Even the Ram Rajya being created appears impoverished in an iconic sense, Ram is being constructed differently. Ram was always presented as an adult—a language of childhood does not accompany these descriptions. Also, Tulsidas has become the official script, and the 300 *Ramayans* that A K Ramanujan and V Raghavan talked about disappeared into thin air.

The consecration created a didactic Ram. Many families sensed this strongly as the celebrations unfolded. Critics found what suffused the consecration was a different memory—the celebrated idea of a playful Ram from our childhood had disappeared. The playful-yet-ethical Ram that accompanied storytelling is receding in conversations. Ayodhya—the city that was once considered borderless and existed only in our hearts—now becomes a civic, geographical location. The power myth that accompanied *Ramayan*, and enabled it to be a multiple narrative, has become an official text. Such a legislated Ram is difficult to digest.

What challenged it was the childhood memory of Ram Lalla as a child. I was thinking of my own childhood. My father's powerful voice would resonate with shlokas, adding a sense of realism and resonance to the narrative. This same voice was, however, equally open to Shakespeare and Greek mythology. One realised that the Ram Lalla being consecrated in Ayodhya was being challenged by the oral memory of childhood. A rupture of memory interrupted what the event tried to impose. The fundamental mistake was to think that theology has to be theocratic and religion cadre-based. Spirituality can't be cadre-based. I hope the latest event will trigger the creation of new spaces for the orality of our imaginations.

Oddly, in this process, our democracy has lost its playfulness. Both *Ramayan* and democracy as myths have become listless. The syncretic power and dialogicity of religions are being lost. Watching the new creations as a pastiche of imaginations, one realised there was a semiotic power to it. Semioticians have a word for it—French philosopher Jean Baudrillard called it simulacra—which is not real, but forces itself to be considered as such. I would suggest the current situation is more aligned to Jorge Luis Borges's idea of imaginary beings. There is no map to facilitate territory, but a map which creates an imaginary being that claims territoriality. A reconciliation of cultures is required to erase this disruption.

When we talk of the necessity of unity, we realise what we are seeing is a disruption of the symbolic imagination of India. What is being created is a monolith which Indian pluralism and semiotics will take centuries to exorcise. In the meantime, democracy, our other great creation, will bear the costs of this disappearance of playfulness.

I have been feeling that the compassionate Ram we know has been sent into exile. This might be a new wait for the return of that Ram. The road ahead is daunting for both the futurist and the believer.

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WHY THE WORLD WILL MISS THE 2030 DEADLINE FOR SDGs

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THE 17 goals of the Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030 approved by world leaders at a UN summit in September 2015 came into force in January 2016. These global development goals or SDGs are a set of 17 interlinked objectives with a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for the people and the planet for now and into the future. The SDGs provide a roadmap for tackling developmental, environmental and other socio-political challenges.

The SDGs replaced the earlier Millennium Development Goals or MDGs that the world had adopted from 2000 to 2015 to tackle global problems of poverty, hunger, diseases, illiteracy and development. The MDGs met with a level of success, such as lifting about a billion people out of extreme poverty, reducing child mortality and school dropouts by more than half from the 1990s' levels, and reducing HIV/AIDS infections by about 40 percent since 2000.

The UN recently released the 'Global Sustainable Development Report 2023' written by top scientists and other experts from around the world to review the progress made in achieving the SDGs and to suggest measures to realise them by 2030 deadline.

After analysing all the data, the report comes to the stark conclusion—the world is not on track to achieve any of the 17 SDGs and cannot rely on change to happen organically. It noted that, based on the current rate of progress, the world will not eradicate poverty and hunger, or provide quality education for all by 2030. Instead, by the end of this decade, our world is expected to have 575 million people living in extreme poverty, 600 million facing hunger, and 84 million children and young people out of school. Humanity will overshoot the Paris climate goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C above the pre-industrial levels. The report further states that, at the current rate, it will take 300 years to attain gender equality. It warns that at current pace the SDGs may only be realised by 2050.

There has been no substantial progress for SDG targets such as achieving food security, ending malnutrition, eliminating malaria epidemics, ensuring safe and affordable housing, reducing greenhouse gases, ensuring sustainable fisheries, and reducing homicide rates and unsentenced detainees. On the other hand, the situation has deteriorated sharply since 2015 on targets such as achieving food security, increasing vaccine coverage, ensuring sustainable economic growth and reducing greenhouse gases. Except for increased access to mobile networks, the report notes that progress for most SDG targets has been disappointing.

However, the report's conclusion that the world is close to achieving the target of full employment and ensuring sustainable and inclusive industrialisation is questionable considering the prevailing high unemployment rates and skewed patterns of industrialisation, especially in developing countries.

UN

The world set 17 sustainable development goals or SDGs at a UN meeting in 2015. The promise was to achieve them by 2030. But a number of factors have slowed progress. A new report said that, at the current pace, goals may only be met by 2050

Progress has been hampered by several factors such as the Covid pandemic, the cost of living crises, armed conflicts and natural disasters. The pandemic forced all countries to divert precious development funds to tackling mass vaccination, upgrading health infrastructures, and giving income and food support to the vulnerable people who were impacted. The World Bank estimates that about 97 million people around the world slipped into extreme poverty due to the pandemic, with India accounting for a major share. Considerable fiscal support was also given to kick-start economic activities that were disrupted by the pandemic.

The cost-of-living crisis with high rates of inflation, compounded by the immense fiscal strain caused by the pandemic, interrupted progress towards achieving the SDGs. Inflation rates in many developing countries exceeded 5 percent or even touched double digits. Many countries faced debt levels at 50-year highs, which constrained efforts to extend social protection to the poor and vulnerable.

Armed conflicts, as well as the increasing cost of natural disasters—estimated at $303 billion in 2022—were among the other factors stymying progress. By the end of 2020, around two billion people were living in conflict-affected countries. In 2021, the number of refugees and internally displaced persons was the highest on record at 89 million and, for the first time, global military expenditure exceeded $2 trillion. Between March and May 2022, approximately 26.5 million people in the Sahel region of Africa faced a food and nutrition crisis.

Accelerating action and systemic transformation are key to achieving the SDGs. The report identifies six points for transformation—human well-being and capabilities, sustainable and just economies, sustainable food systems and healthy nutrition, energy decarbonisation with universal access, urban and peri-urban development, and global environmental commons.

These shifts would involve scaling up investment in primary healthcare and ensuring access to life-saving interventions, accelerating secondary school and girls' enrollment, increasing investment in water and sanitation infrastructure, shifting to healthier and more diversified diets, reducing food waste and loss, large scale deployment of renewables and phasing out of fossil fuels by 2030 with affordable and universal access to energy, shifting to a circular economy with emphasis on waste recycling, greater use of electric vehicles and expanding public transport and city infrastructure. It calls for expanding protected areas, abandoning intensive agricultural practices in protected areas, restoring degraded forest lands, economising water use and relying on nature-based solutions to enhance biodiversity, ecosystem services, human well-being, and sustainable development.

Mobilising the political leadership, building a broad societal consensus for the proposed policy shifts, addressing the governance and institutional deficits, bringing about behavioural changes, and increasing science-policy-society interactions are critical for realising the SDGs.

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Legal framework

Ref: *One Nation, One Election risks devolving to one voice* (Jan 25). The implementation of the One Nation, One Election proposal requires a legal framework. It would require a constitutional amendment. People who vote are at times not able to distinguish between the regional and state issues. Those in rural areas should be given more information regarding voting patterns.

VKS Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Uneasy alliance

Ref: *Nitish gets set to bolt* (Jan 26). Nitish Kumar's uncanny knack for adopting rare techniques for political survival is well-known. Whether for good or bad, the best option for him is to maintain a cohesive alliance with the INDIA bloc.

S Madhavan Thampi, Haripad

Viable alternative

Ref: *Nitish gets set to bolt* (Jan 26). With Mamata Banerjee and Bhagwant Mann not getting along with the INDIA bloc, Nitish Kumar and Akhilesh Yadav in all likelihood might come out of the alliance too. No wonder that the regional players prefer to protect their own bastions. At this juncture, the Congress itself should come out of the INDIA bloc and get counted as a viable alternative to the BJP instead of being in league with regional parties.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Corporal punishment

Ref: *Tamil Nadu class five student loses vision in one eye after headmaster throws stick at her* (Jan 25). It is saddening to know that a student had to pay such a heavy price for a foolish act done in a fit of rage. While corporal punishment has been barred long ago, this incident should be an eye-opener to those teachers who still indulge in these obnoxious practices.

S Vaithianathan, Madurai

Youth exodus

Ref: *Pinarayi allays archbishop's concerns over migration of youth* (Jan 23). There are several reasons for this exodus, most importantly the lack of opportunities. Many Indian universities also have a problem with the relevance of the subjects being taught and the methodology of teaching. I was offered a visiting professorship in two Indian universities to teach innovation and technology, but the institutions were unwilling to make any changes to the curriculum. My proposal was to develop a course in discussion with the local enterprises to understand their needs. For India to be successful like China or Taiwan, we need to develop an education system supporting our manufacturing sector. Until then, our nation's brain drain will continue.

Ramesh Varma, Maryland

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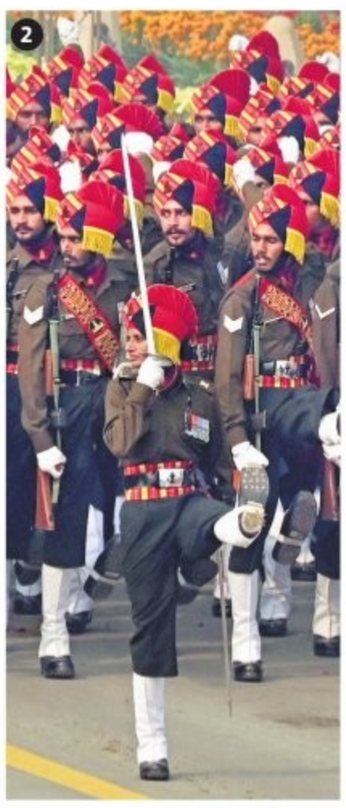
POSTS OF THE DAY

Adhir Chowdhury @adhirrcinc
I conveyed my regrets to MR DEREK O'BRIEN for an word inadvertently uttered by me on him as FOREIGNER. (sic)

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
Nitish Kumar curated the INDIA alliance. What was the big problem in making him the convener? He felt disrespected. Petty conduct by partners.

D Raja @ComradeDRaja
Inclusive history of our freedom struggle is our guide in the fight against forces of right-wing communal fascism.



COLOURS OF INDIA

REPUBLIC DAY IN ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

The 75th Republic Day parade at Kartavya Path showcases the country's military might and cultural diversity

1) The ISRO tableau; 2,3 & 4) March of Indian defence forces; 5) A contingent of Pradhanmantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardees; 6) A dance performance by tableau artists; 7) The CSIR tableau; 8) CRPF women 'Daredevils' team performs a stunt; 9,10 & 11) The marches-past by teams of Indian Air Force, Indian defence forces, and French soldiers from 2nd Foreign Infantry Regiment on the Kartavya Path in New Delhi on Friday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Host of bilateral pacts signed with France

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

HAPPY and proud to be with you Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said French President Emmanuel Macron when he extended his greetings for the Republic Day on Friday. The French President concluded his two-day trip to India by visiting the Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah in Delhi, shortly before he took off for Paris.

"My dear friend Narendra Modi, Indian people, my warmest wishes on your Republic Day. Happy and proud to be with you. Let's celebrate," said President Macron on Friday, ahead of attending the Republic Day parade as the chief guest on Kartavya Path.

A 40-member delegation, which included three ministers, accompanied the President. A French contingent also took part in the parade.

France and India are strategic partners. India accorded a royal welcome to President Macron. "Grateful for the French participation in our Republic Day celebrations. The military band, marching contingent, jets and multi-role aircraft tanker contributed to the parade being a memorable one. President Macron, your presence will add a great momentum to India-France ties," said Modi.

Meanwhile, among the major agreements signed during this visit was Tata Group partnering Airbus Helicopters to establish an assembly line for in the country. The facility will produce the Airbus' best selling H125 helicopter from its civil range for India and export to some of its neighbouring countries. "Helicopters are crucial for nation-building and a made-in-India civil helicopter will unlock the true potential of the helicopter market in India," said Guillaume Faury, Airbus CEO.

"The Tata Group is delighted to set up India's first helicopter assembly facility in the private sector," said N Chandrashekharan, chairman, TATA Sons.

Meanwhile, there were agreements signed on space and satellite cooperation between the two countries. Another agreement was signed on science and technology. Similar agreements have also been signed on clean energy, applied maths, digital technology, healthcare cooperation, education, training and research, on cooperation of public administration and sustainable urban development, said foreign secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

Besides, an Indian consulate in Marsailles and a French bureau in Hyderabad are ready for operations. "Under the young professional scheme, exchange of professionals/ students of 18-35 years of age and those pursuing masters in France will be entitled to five-year Schengen visa," Kwatra said.

Meanwhile, on the issue of the likely expulsion of a French journalist by India, Vanessa Dougnac, Kwatra said that the case was raised earlier. The issue was on the journalist not complying with Indian rules and not her reportage, he said.

French President Emmanuel Macron greets Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as PM Narendra Modi, President Droupadi Murmu and chiefs of Forces look on | PTI

SC asks Maha govt to refrain from construction works on Nagpur lake

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court, in a recent order, has directed the Maharashtra government and its Metro Rail Corporation not to carry out any construction work at Futala Lake in Nagpur city, taking into consideration the harmful effects it has on the ecosystem and aquatic life.

The court was hearing a petition filed by NGO Swaach Nagpur Abhiyaan, which claimed that Futala Lake was a wetland and large-scale construction activity was allegedly being undertaken on its banks.

A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud and comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and SC Sharma directed the NGO to determine if the wetland attracted migratory birds. It also asked the NGO to observe whether a sound and laser show at the place would impact the arrival of the birds.

While ordering to maintain a status quo in the case, the apex court noted that "there are anyway few wetlands remaining in the country."

As per the NGO, to beautify the place, a steel fountain was being constructed in the middle of the water body for which over 7,000 tonnes of concrete was dumped into it. This was despite the Ministry of Environment and Forest declaring the lake a wetland.

Lawyer for Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation, tried to prevent the court from passing the statu quo order, saying that the structures around the lake were temporary in nature. The court was, however, not impressed with the argument and asked, "Why are you doing all this, when there are only few wetlands remaining in the country?"

Built by Bhosle Kings, the lake, spread over 60 acres, stands out as one of the important water bodies in the state.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Compensation for custody deaths: SC stays HC order, asks Meghalaya to pay sum fixed by NHRC

The Supreme Court has stayed the Meghalaya High Court order directing that the quantum of punitive compensation payable by the government for custodial deaths since 2012 be affixed on the basis of the age of victims. A three-judge bench of Justices BR Gavai, Sanjay Karol and Sandeep Mehta stayed the HC judgment, subject to a condition that the state shall pay the compensation amount determined by the National Human Rights Commission. After a direction was passed by the apex court in a case related to inhuman conditions in 1,382 prisons, a suo motu public interest litigation was initiated by the Meghalaya High Court.

States told to enrol civil engineers in PG course in 12 select institutes soon

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has urged the state governments and Union Territory administrations, including municipal agencies, to enroll their civil engineers for specially designed sponsored postgraduate programme — Public Health Engineering/ Environmental Engineering — for successful implementation of its Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

The ministry has recognised 12 renowned academic institutions to conduct the two-year degree courses.

"The subject of Public Health Engineering/ Environmental Engineering has been recognised as vital for graduate in-service civil engineers, engaged in delivery of water and sanitation services in the county. While appreciating the need for specialisation at PG level for in-service civil engineers, this ministry has recognised 12 renowned academic institutions... to conduct postgraduate degree courses of 24 months duration... I request you to nominate suitable candidates from your department to undergo this PG course for the academic year 2024-25 (2024-26 batch)," read a letter from the advisor at Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), M Dhinadhayalan. The CPHEEO is the technical wing of the ministry.

UPSKILLING

- Specially designated sponsored PG programmes in Public Health Engineering/ Environmental Engineering devised for the successful implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
- 12 academic institutes to conduct the two-year degree courses
- There is need for more qualified and trained manpower to ensure proper operation and management of infrastructure

Referring to SBM-U and AMRUT, Dhinadhayalan put emphasis on the need for more qualified and trained manpower to ensure proper operation, maintenance and management of the infrastructure as the government is attaching "topmost priority" in improvement of water supply and sanitation services across the country.

The MoHUA has also launched AMRUT 2.0 and SBM-2.0 on October 2021 with the objective to provide universal water supply and sanitation services in all urban local bodies across the country.

"The government is also promoting 24x7 water supply with drink-from-tap facility, reuse of waste water and energy recovery from municipal solid waste and sludge under various missions. So, states and urban local bodies need more number of qualified and trained manpower for better implementation of schemes," the letter said.

Kerala, T'gana top in girls' higher edu enrolment

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

KERALA, Telangana, Haryana and Assam are the top four states that have more female enrolment in the country compared to others, according to the Centre's All India Survey for Higher Education (AISHE) 2021-22 report. Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Meghalaya and Chhattisgarh follow the four states.

The total female enrolment is 2,06,91,792, as per the report, which is the primary source of comprehensive statistics on the Higher Education scenario in the country.

According to the report, the total estimated enrolment in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in 2021-22 was 4,32,68,181, of which 96,38,345 was in Universities and its Constituent Units, 3,14,59,092 was in colleges, and 21,70,744 in stand-alone institutions.

However, the six states that saw maximum student enrolment are Uttar Pradesh (69.73 lakh), Maharashtra (45.78 lakh), Tamil Nadu (33.09 lakh), Madhya Pradesh (28 lakh), West Bengal (27.22 lakh), and Rajasthan (26.89 lakh). "These states account for 53.32% of total student enrolment," the report said, adding that these states also house 51.4% of the total population of the 18-23 years age group.

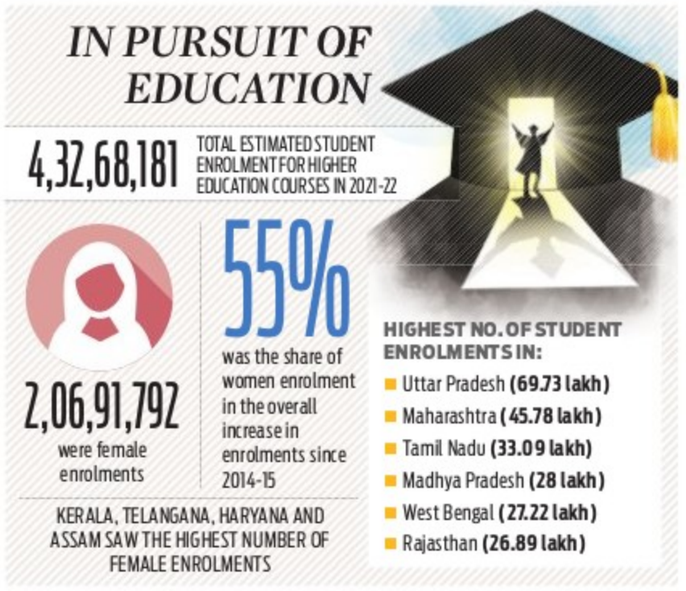
Uttar Pradesh also has a maximum number of colleges (8,375). It is followed by Maharashtra (4,692), Karnataka (4,430), Rajasthan (3,934), Tamil Nadu (2,829), Madhya Pradesh (2,742), Andhra Pradesh (2,602), Gujarat (2,395), Telangana (2,083) and West Bengal (1,514).

The report highlighted that female enrolment in higher education, compared to men, has surged since 2014-15. "The share of women enrolment is 55% of the increase in overall enrolment (91 lakh) since 2014-15. There has been a higher increase in women enrolment than men," the report said.

While the Bachelor of Arts (BA) course attracts the maximum number 1.13 crore students - 51% female and 49% male, the science discipline follows it. In the science stream, 49.18 lakh students are enrolled, of which 50.8% are female and 49.2% are male. There are 44.08 lakh students enrolled in the Commerce discipline, of which 47.2% are female and 52.8% are male students.

For Engineering and Technology, overall enrolment in all UG, PG, MPhil and PhD levels is 41,31,303. "Of these, the highest enrolment is in computer engineering followed by mechanical engineering, electronics engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, et cetera," the report added.

The Ministry of Education has been conducting AISHE since 2011, covering all higher educational institutions in India and imparting higher education in the country.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COAL-LIQUOR CASE

Chhattisgarh Anti Corruption Bureau has registered two FIRs in connection with alleged coal levy and liquor scams based on ED complaint. Seventy persons, including several Congress leaders, have been named in the FIR.

58 KIDS FELL SICK AFTER EATING MEAL IN MP'S SCHOOL

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	20	10	Mumbai	32	24
Bhopal	23	15	Panaji	08	02
Jaipur	20	09	Patna	21	15
Amritsar	16	04	Lucknow	19	10
Chennai	26	24	Port Blair	34	26
Kolkata	25	15	Imphal	23	05
Srinagar	09	-05	Chandigarh	20	04

75TH R-DAY ANNIVERSARY

THE SPIRIT OF THE REPUBLIC

- Tricolour unfurled and colourful parades held across India
- Development agendas of the states outlined
- Governors and CMs call upon people to work for the country's progress
- In J&K, events held across district headquarters

1. Gun salute by MP police personnel in Bhopal 2. Jharkhand ATS commandos displaying their skills 3. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar offers 'jalebi' to school students in Patna 4. J&K Lt-Governor Manoj Sinha pays homage to the martyrs in Jammu 5. Cyclists take part in a cycle rally in Guwahati 6. Students perform 'Pahadi Naati' dance in Shimla 7. Folk artists at Red Road in Kolkata perform on Friday | PTI

Didi says BJP 'anti-women', plans protest

PRANAB MONDAL@ Kolkata

DAYS after CM Mamata Banerjee branded the BJP as an anti-women party, the women wing of the Trinamool Congress announced it would hold 34 rallies on January 30 across all organisational districts in the state to launch a protest against the Central government's disrespectful attitude towards women.

They will highlight issues like the Bilkis Bano case and BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya's choice of words for Banerjee.

The announcement is said to be significant in the backdrop of the Bengal CM's allegation against the BJP. The TMC's move to activate its women wing appears to be aimed to retain the support of the women electorate, who voted en bloc for the ruling party in the 2021 Assembly elections.

At a gathering in Kolkata on the same day of PM Modi's speech in Ayodhya after the consecration ceremony at Ram Temple, Mamata said, "BJP talks about Lord Ram. But what about Goddess Sita? She was all along with Lord during his exile."

6 workers from Assam charred to death, 4 hurt in Nagaland coal mine fire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

AT least six workers from Assam were charred to death, and four others were injured in a fire at a coal mine in Nagaland. The incident took place at Ruchayan village in the Wokha district on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday. A probe has been ordered into it.

According to the police, the injured were undergoing treatment at a hospital in the state's commercial hub, Dimapur.

While the reason for the fire is yet to be ascertained, officials suspect that a generator exploded due to leakage. The locals, meanwhile, claim gas released from the mine caused the inferno.

No safety measures, including fire extinguishers, were available in the mine at the time of the incident.

The mine owners have announced a compensation of ₹1 lakh each to the families of the deceased.

Achumbemo Kikon, a Naga People's Front MLA, said the coal mine is in his Bhandari constituency. "This is not the first such tragedy in my constituency and will not be the last if steps are not taken urgently by the government for scientific mining," Kikon told a news channel.

He urged the government to enforce strict regulations to stop illegal mining. Noting rampant rat-hole mining in the area, he raised his concerns with the state government and took up the issue with the villagers earlier.

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> Sources

In the tribal-majority state, land is owned by individuals, communities and villages as per customary laws. The government has no control over minerals and other natural resources. The coal mine owners allegedly did not get any approval from the authorities for mining. The workers allegedly extracted coal by following the dangerous method of rat-hole mining.

In 2014, the National Green Tribunal had banned rat-hole mining, calling it unscientific. However, this practice continues in the Northeast, mainly in Meghalaya.

Maratha quota leader on fast, sets 24-hr deadline for Shinde

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MARATHA quota activist Manoj Jarange on Friday made a fresh demand that the Maharashtra government amend its free education policy to include all Marathas until the benefit of reservation becomes available for the entire community.

He and his supporters would enter Mumbai on Saturday for their planned protest at Azad Maidan ground if their demands were not met, he warned.

Addressing a rally at Shivaji Chowk in Vashi area of neighbouring Navi Mumbai where he arrived in the morning with thousands of his supporters, Jarange said he would stay put in Navi Mumbai for the day. He also started his hunger strike from Friday morning

Jarange Patil said if the government was unable to provide the quota immediately to the community, then they should issue a GR (government resolution) providing free education from KG to PG for the community students.

Jarange ups ante

From January 20, Jarange has re-launched his protest and started marching towards Mumbai from Jalna along with hundreds of his supporters over the demand of Maratha quota under the OBC category in jobs and education.

"If the government insists on carrying out recruitment for government jobs, it should keep vacant the posts for the community. Government should also withdraw police cases filed against pro-quota protestors," Patil said while addressing community rally in Navi Mumbai.

He added that the government should issue an ordinance giving Kunbi certificates to all blood relatives of 57 lakh Marathas whose genealogical references are found as Kunbi in old revenue and other records. "Such certificates should be issued immediately through an affidavit affirming Kunbi lineage. Verifications can proceed later," he added.

The Kunbis are a peasant sub-caste of Marathas but get reservation benefits under the OBC category in Maharashtra.

Jarange-Patil also started his hunger strike from Friday morning. He will continue to stay at Vashi on Friday and wait till 12 noon on Saturday after which he will lead a march to Azad Maidan. He told his supporters that he met delegations of the state government who had accepted all demands.

Uproar over renaming of Ayushman Bharat Health Centres in Ladakh

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

RENAMING of Ayushman Bharat Health Centres as "Ayushman Arogya Mandir" has triggered a row in Ladakh with the elected Hill Councils of Leh and Kargil districts and religious groups strongly opposing the move, saying "it falls short on all fronts of inclusivity".

With the tagline 'Arogyam-Parmam Dhanam', the new sign boards have been put up at many Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres in both Kargil and Leh districts.

Sajjad Kargili, a social and political activist from Ladakh, said, "The failure to align with the directives of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare only adds to the complexity of the situation. The health institutions require a locally accepted brand that respects the sentiments of all people," he said and sought the intervention of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh in the matter.

He also urged the authorities to refrain from any branding or changes that incorporate names or symbols associated with a specific belief system on public properties, policies, and institutions.

Concerned over the issue, Chief Executive Councilor (CEC) Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh, Tashi Gyalson wrote to Lieutenant Governor of the UT informing him that the renaming has generated significant resentment among the public, necessitating prompt attention and resolution.

"The renaming of an institute is a matter of great sensitivity, and it is imperative to honor public sentiments. The branding of these health centers should be done using Bhoti language in adherence to the instructions provided by the ministry," he said. There are at least 321 Ayuhsman centres across Ladakh UT, which comprises Kargil and Leh.

1st time since '62 war, U'khand village to get facelift

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand government has embarked on a significant endeavor aimed at rehabilitating border villages through the Vibrant Village Programme, with Jadung in Uttarkashi district being selected as the pioneering location for this initiative. Since 1962, Jadung village has remained uninhabited, following the evacuation of its residents during the India-China dispute.

Speaking to this newspaper, Sachin Kurve, Secretary of Tourism for the state, told, "In the initial phase, the Tourism Department will undertake the restoration and enhancement of six homes that are in a dilapidated state, with a plan of promoting them as Homestays."

"The unique feature of this project is that the tourism department will oversee the redevelopment of traditional houses into homestays, which will be managed by the villagers themselves", Secretary Kurve said, adding, "The houses will be refurbished according to local architectural styles, locally sourced materials will be useds". Situated at an elevation of approximately 3,800 meters, Jadung is a picturesque village that has gradually become desolate. However, it is poised to be revitalized through new initiatives.

Situated at an elevation of approximately 3,800 meters, Jadung is a picturesque village that has become desolate with the passage of time | EXPRESS

Secretary Kurve also emphasized that the villagers will be required to manage the homestays for a minimum of 10 years. "The selection of homestay operators will be overseen by the District Administration of Uttarakashi, who will invite applications from the village's original inhabitants through a dedicated committee", added Secretary Kurve.

Uttrakhand Minister of Tourism, Satpal Maharaj told this daily, "The participation of the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) in this venture will not only promote sustainable tourism practices in the area but also contribute to the preservation of the local environment, culture, and community".

"The recent cabinet decision regarding the rehabilitation of border villages through a unique tourism intervention in Jadung as well as the tourism department's innovative approach to reverse migration has raised expectations about the government's efforts to revive these areas", said Minister Satpal Maharaj.

A spokesperson from the tourism department stated, "The operational guidelines for the homestays have been officially approved. Additionally, the tourism department is actively strategizing to offer comprehensive skill and soft skills training to homestay operators. These training sessions will be conducted periodically by the department, and we are committed to providing essential support for the marketing and promotion of these homestays."

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Dr Yashwant Kathoch gets Padma Shri

The recipient of the Padma Shri from Uttarakhand, this year was Dr Yashwant Singh Kathoch (88), who has devoted 33 years of his life as an educator and contributing to the field of history. Serving as the principal of a government school till 1995, he moved to a small house near Pauri district and was surrounded by hundreds of books, spent all these years reading, writing and researching. When his name was announced for the prestigious award, Dr Kothoch in utter shock, said, "How did this happen?... whatever happened was good. The government has bestowed this honor upon a common man like me."

State IT dept tableau bags first prize

At the Republic Day function held at the Parade Ground in Dehradun, the tableau presented by the state information department was chosen as the best. The front part of the tableau depicted traditional Uttarakhandi women clad in customary attire and extending a warm welcome. It showcased the cultivation of traditional grains such as Manduwa, Jhangora, Ramdana, and Kaunni and the state bird Monal. In addition, traditional artists adorned in folk costumes performed captivating dances, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region. It was designed by K S Chauhan.

1st time since '47, Tricolour unfurled at Kaliyar dargah

At the Kaliyar Sharif dargah in the Roorkee area, the national flag was unfurled for the first time after Independence on Friday to mark the Republic Day. Waqf Board chairman Shadab Shams who attended the event as the chief guest, told this newspaper, "It is a momentous occasion to unfurl the tricolour here, which fills me with emotion as I pay my respects to my motherland." He emphasised that there should be no place in the country where the national flag is not flown. The main R-Day celebrations with great fervor was held at the Rehmania madrasa in Roorkee, were people from all walks of like including those from minority communities participated.

19
killed after rebels attacked a town in Congo's North Kivu, the army said late on Thursday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

Top UN court stops short of ordering truce, demands Israel contain deaths

Israeli judge voted for two measures—order for aid and prevention of inflammatory speech

Genocide charges false, says Netanyahu

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu said the fact that court was willing to discuss the genocide charges was a mark of shame. "Charge of genocide levelled against Israel is not only false, it's outrageous, and decent people everywhere should reject it," Netanyahu said.

Judges ruled in favour of humanity: Palestine

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki welcomed the UN decision and said judges "ruled in favour of humanity and international law." "The ICJ order is an important reminder that no state is above law," Riyad said, adding that the ruling "should serve as a wake-up call for Israel..."

Israel's actions in Gaza genocidal: S Africa

South Africa said ruling had determined that "Israel's actions in Gaza are plausibly genocidal." "There is no credible basis for Israel to continue to claim that its military actions are in full compliance with international law...," the government said.

THE HAGUE

THE United Nations' top court on Friday ordered Israel to do all it can to prevent death, destruction and any acts of genocide in Gaza, but the panel stopped short of ordering Jerusalem to end the military offensive that has laid waste to the Palestinian enclave.

"The court is acutely aware of the extent of the human tragedy that is unfolding in the region and is deeply concerned about the continuing loss of life and human suffering," said court President Joan E. Donoghue.

Many of the measures were approved by an overwhelming majority of the judges. Of the six orders, an Israeli judge voted in favour of two—an order for humanitarian aid and another for the prevention of inflammatory speech.

Such provisional measures issued by the world court are legally binding, but it is not clear if Israel will comply with them. Friday's decision was an interim ruling. It could take years for the court to consider all aspects of South Africa's genocide allegations.

The court ruled that Israel must do all it can to prevent genocide, including refraining from killing Palestinians or causing harm to them. It also ruled that Israel urgently needs to get basic aid to people in Gaza and that the country should prevent and punish any incitement to genocide, among other measures.

The court said Israel should submit a report on measures taken within a month.

Meanwhile on the ground, *AFPTV* images from Gaza City on Friday showed hundreds of Palestinians crowding around a truck delivering aid, after the UN World Food Programme this week warned of increasing risk of famine in Gaza.

Pro-Israel activists gather near the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands on Friday | AP

Footage from Maghazi refugee camp in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza, showed scores of decomposing bodies amid the rubble.

In a ruling that will keep Israel under the legal lens for years to come, the court offered little other comfort to Israel in a genocide case brought by South Africa that goes to the core of one of the world's most intractable conflicts. The court's half-dozen orders will be difficult to achieve without some sort of ceasefire or pause in the fighting. *Agencies*

US halts funding for UN agency for Palestinians after staffers role in Hamas attack

DEIR AL-BALAH

THE UN agency for Palestinian refugees fired a number of its staffers in Gaza suspected of taking part in the October 7 attack by Hamas and other militants on southern Israel, its director said on Friday, prompting the United States—the agency's biggest donor—to temporary halt its funding.

The agency, known as UNRWA, has been the main agency providing aid for Gaza.

UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini said it terminated contracts with "several" employees and ordered an investigation after Israel provided information alleging they played a role in the attack. The US State Department said there were allegations against 12 employees. UNRWA has 13,000 staffers in Gaza, almost all of them Palestinians, ranging from teachers in schools that the agency runs to doctors, medical staff and aid workers.

Lazzarini called the allegations "shocking" and said any employee "involved in acts of terror will be held accountable, including through criminal prosecution."

He did not elaborate on what the staffers' alleged role was in the attacks. In the unprecedented surprise attack, Hamas fighters broke through the security fence surrounding Gaza and stormed nearby Israeli communities, killing around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and kidnapping some 250. Other militants joined the rampage.

"UNRWA reiterates its condemnation in the strongest possible terms of the abhorrent attacks of 7 October" and calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all Israeli hostages, Lazzarini said.

The US State Department said it was "extremely troubled" by the allegations against the UNRWA staffers and has temporarily paused additional funding for the agency. It said the UN had promised a "comprehensive and independent" review of UNRWA.

The US is the biggest donor to the agency, providing it $340 million in 2022.

The agency's chronic budget shortfalls worsened dramatically in 2018 when former US president Donald Trump cut support to the agency.

The Trump administration branded UNRWA "irredeemably flawed," siding with Israeli criticisms of the agency founded in 1949, a year after Israel's creation. But US President Joe Biden has fully restored support, providing $340 million in 2022, making it the agency's largest donor. *Agencies*

IN A FIRST

Alabama man shook violently in nitrogen gas execution

ATMORE

A man put to death using nitrogen gas shook and convulsed on the gurney as Alabama carried out the first-of-its-kind execution.

Kenneth Eugene Smith, a 58-year-old convicted killer, was pronounced dead at 8.25 pm on Thursday at an Alabama prison after breathing the gas through a face mask to cause oxygen deprivation.

It marked the first time that a new execution method has been used in the United States since lethal injection, now the most commonly used method, was introduced in 1982.

The execution took about 22 minutes between the opening and closing of the curtains to the viewing room.

Smith appeared to remain conscious for several minutes after the gas started flowing. For at least two minutes, he shook violently and writhed on the gurney, sometimes pulling against the restraints and shaking the gurney. That was followed by several minutes of heavy breathing, until breathing was no longer perceptible.

"Tonight, Alabama causes humanity to take a step backwards," Smith, who was paid $1,000 to kill an Alabama woman 30 years ago, said. "I'm leaving with love, peace and light." He made the "I love you sign" with his hands toward family members who were witnesses. "Thank you for supporting me. Love all of you," Smith said.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey said execution was justice for murder-for-hire killing of 45-year-old Elizabeth Sennett in 1988.

"After more than 30 years and attempt after attempt to game the system, Mr. Smith has answered for his horrendous crimes," Ivey said in a statement. "I pray that Elizabeth Sennett's family can receive closure after all these years dealing with that great loss."

Mike Sennett, the victim's son, said on Thursday night that Smith "had been incarcerated almost twice as long as I knew my mom." *AP*

Unlikely challenger to Putin brings defiance

MOSCOW

THEY have lined up by the thousands across Russia in recent days, standing in the bitter cold for a chance to sign petitions to support an unlikely challenger to President Vladimir Putin.

Boris Nadezhdin has become a dilemma for the Kremlin as he seeks to run in the March 17 presidential election. The question now is whether Russian authorities will allow him on ballot.

The 60-year-old local legislator and academic has struck a chord with the public, openly calling for a halt to the conflict in Ukraine, the end of mobilising Russian men for the military, and starting a dialogue with the West. He also has criticised the country's repression of LGBTQ+ activism.

"The collection of signatures has gone unexpectedly well for us," Nadezhdin told *AP* in an interview. "We didn't expect this, to be honest."

Boris Nadezhdin | AP

Nadezhdin is running as a candidate for the Civic Initiative Party. Because the party is not represented in parliament, he's not guaranteed a spot on the ballot and must collect over 1,00,000 signatures, with a limit of 2,500 from each of the dozens of the vast country's regions, not just the biggest, more progressive cities.

Putin, who is running as an independent candidate, has collected over 3 million.

Online videos have shown queues of supporters not just in Moscow and St. Petersburg but also in Krasnodar in the south, Saratov and Voronezh in the southwest and beyond the Ural Mountains in Yekaterinburg.

Even in the Far East city of Yakutsk, 450 kilometres south of the Arctic Circle, Nadezhdin's team said up to 400 people a day braved temperatures that plunged to -40°C to sign petitions. *AP*

US warship repels Houthi missile attack

WASHINGTON

YEMEN'S Houthi rebels launched a missile on Friday at a US warship patrolling the Gulf of Aden, forcing it to shoot down the projectile, the US military said on Friday.

The attack on the destroyer USS Carney marks a further escalation in the biggest confrontation at sea the US Navy has seen in the West Asia in decades. It represents the first time the Houthis directly targeted a US warship since the rebels began their attacks on shipping in October, a US official said on the condition of anonymity.

That contradicted a statement by the US military's Central Command, which said the Houthis fired "toward" the Carney. As it has in previous strikes, the Pentagon has said it was difficult to determine what exactly the Houthi rebels were trying to hit.

In Friday's attack, an antiship ballistic missile came near the USS Carney, an Arleigh-Burke class destroyer that's been involved in American operations to try and stop the Houthi campaign since November, Central Command said. "The missile was successfully shot down by USS Carney," Central Command said. "There were no injuries or damage reported."

Meanwhile, maritime monitoring agencies said two missiles exploded in waters south of Yemen on Friday, though it was unclear if those reports were related to the incident announced by the US.

Risk monitor Ambrey said a Panama-flagged oil tanker "reported seeing two blasts" in the Gulf of Aden on Friday, a report that was corroborated by the British navy's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO). No damage was reported.

Ambrey said the missiles exploded about a mile from the India-affiliated oil tanker and 200 metres to 300 metres above the waterline. UKMTO said in a statement that they detonated in the water. *Agencies*

EXPRESS READ

NATO chief upbeat that Sweden could join by March

Brussels: The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg expressed optimism on Friday that Sweden could be ready to join the military organisation by March, after receiving positive signals from holdouts Hungary and Turkey. "Sweden's entry into NATO will make the whole alliance stronger," Stoltenberg told the reporters as he provided details about talks this week with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and noted the new developments in Turkey. "The message I have received from Budapest is that the parliament will reconvene at the end of February, so we have to wait for that. But I'm absolutely confident, and I count on Hungary," Stoltenberg said.

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

EX-LAWYER JAILED FOR EMBEZZLING

An Indian-origin former Singaporean lawyer has been sentenced to jail for close to four years for misappropriating SGD 4,80,000 entrusted to him by three clients. Gurdaib Singh Pala Singh, 70, committed offences between 2011-2016. In July last year, Singh, who used to be a lawyer at Gurdaib Cheong & Partners (GCP), pleaded guilty to two counts of criminal breach of trust involving nearly SGD 4,59,000 and an offence under the Legal Profession Act. A third criminal breach of trust charge involving another SGD 21,000 was considered during the sentencing

INDONESIA

WATER FORUM TO FOCUS ON SANITATION

Indonesia's Ministry of Public Works and Public Housing said the 10th World Water Forum will seek solutions to drinking water and sanitation issues. With the theme of "Water For Shared Prosperity," it will be held on May 18-24 in Bali. Access to adequate drinking water in Indonesia has currently reached 91%, *Antara* reported

THAILAND

WOMAN CHARGED FOR CUB POSSESSION

A Thai woman has been charged with illegal possession of a lion cub, police said on Friday. The police ordered a probe after a video showing a lion cub riding around Pattaya in a white Bentley gained 2.6 million views. Sawangjit Kosoognern was charged with breaking environmental and natural resources law by "possessing a protected wildlife without authorisation," the Central Investigation Bureau said. "We have arrested her, using the Wild Animal Conservation and Protection Act 2019," the police said. Under law, she could be fined $2,800 and face a year in jail

INVASION DAY

Australians protest British colonisation on national holiday

Neenan Simpson tends a smoldering fire that will be used for a smoking ceremony at an Indigenous Australians protest during Australia Day in Sydney on Friday | AP

SYDNEY

THOUSANDS of Australians protested the anniversary of British colonisation of their country with large crowds on Friday urging for Australia Day to be moved and for a day of mourning on the holiday some call "Invasion Day."

The holiday marks the arrival of 11 British ships carrying convicts at Port Jackson in present-day Sydney on January 26, 1788. For many activists, the day marked the beginning of a sustained period of discrimination and expulsion of Indigenous people from their land without a treaty.

Thousands of people, many of whom waved Indigenous flags, rallied in front of the Victoria state parliament in Melbourne, calling for an official day of mourning to be declared across Australia. Roads and tram lines were shut down for more than four hours.

PM Anthony Albanese said Friday that the national day was an opportunity for Australians to "pause and reflect on everything that we have achieved as a nation."

Large crowds in Sydney chanted for the Australia Day date to be moved. Thousands of protesters also rallied in Brisbane, and the second day of Australia's cricket match against the West Indies was briefly disrupted by demonstrators.

On Thursday, two monuments symbolising Australia's colonial past were damaged in Melbourne.

A statue of British naval officer James Cook, who in 1770 charted Sydney's coast, was sawn off at the ankles, and a Queen Victoria monument was doused in red paint. *AP*

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Tender No.	Brief Description
LH245103	Air dryer Twin tower heat less Generating.
33231588B	Silent Block (For AAR-H Tight Lock coupler.
30.24.3475	Ladder for Sleeper Coaches (SS).
38.23.2375	Cable for Bogie Equipment.

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening:
SL.No. 01on dt.09-02-2024. SL.No. 02 on dt.14-02-2024. SL.No. 03 & 04 on dt.15-02-2024.

CORRIGENDUM

(1) Tender Notice No. 52/2023 dt.29-12-2023. Tender No.56.23.1251. due on 17-01-2024. Brief. Track Feed Battery charger 10 Amps Toroida. May be read as tender due date 08-02-2024 instead of existing.

(2) Tender Notice No.52/2023 dt.29-12-2023. Tender No.56.23.1249. due on19-01-2024. Brief. Switch Extension Bracket. May be read as tender due date 06-02-2024 instead of existing.

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Layoffs haunt tech industry in 2024

Salesforce, Google, Riot Games, Amazon to fire employees; Flipkart, Swiggy may also layoff

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

LAYOFFS in the technology sector and start-ups continued in 2024, as both tech giants and Indian ventures have announced workforce reduction due to difficult economic cycles and also to streamline their operations.

In its second round of layoffs, Salesforce is likely to cut about 700 jobs. Last year, it had fired about 10% of its employees. This year, Google and Amazon too announced fresh layoffs.

Last week, Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai announced the company will reduce its workforce by 12,000 roles. In an email to Google employees, Pichai said, "Over the past two years we've seen periods of dramatic growth. To match and fuel that growth, we hired for a different economic reality than the one we face today. I am confident about the huge opportunity in front of us, thanks to the strength of our mission, the value of our products and services, and our early investments in AI."

"To fully capture it, we'll need to make tough choices. So, we've undertaken a rigorous review across product areas and functions to ensure that our people and roles are aligned with our highest priorities as a company," he added.

The roles that are planned to be eliminated cut across Alphabet, product areas, functions, levels and regions. Tencent Holdings' Riot Games also plans to fire 11% of its employees or about 530 employees. Earlier, Amazon's Audible division announced layoffs and as per reports, Amazon's gaming streaming unit Twitch plans to fire about 500 employees.

As per layoffs.fyi, 85 tech firms globally have laid off 23,770 employees in 2024 alone. Indian start-ups are also announcing layoffs. Zomato-backed Curefit fired about 120 employees as part of a restructuring exercise. Flipkart and Swiggy are also expected to hand over pink slips to employees. In 2023, Amazon, Microsoft and Google-parent Alphabet announced 18,000, 10,000 and 12,000 job cuts, respectively.

Aditya Narayan Mishra, MD & CEO of CIEL HR Services, said the ongoing workforce reductions stem from increased automation in business, addressing the prior issue of excessive hiring and navigating the challenges posed by a funding downturn.

"After a sluggish two-year period in technology sector, marked by geopolitical uncertainties, companies find themselves under investor scrutiny to demonstrate improved profitability. Job cuts are a direct consequence of automation adoption, enabling companies to optimise resource utilisation and achieve the same output with fewer personnel," he said.

These factors collectively contribute to the sustained trend of layoffs in the technology industry in 2024. Presently, tech firms are selectively hiring for specialised or replacement positions, and overall hiring remains subdued, he added.

MORE PINKSLIPS ENSUE

Reports suggest that Salesforce might hand over pink slips to 700 employees

12,000 EMPLOYEES GOOGLE TO CUT DOWN FROM WORKFORCE

400 EMPLOYEES SWIGGY WILL FIRE

Paytm fires over 1,000 employees from various departments

Walmart-owned Flipkart might let go 1,000 employees

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Ola founder's Krutrim turns unicorn after raising $50 mn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

OLA founder Bhavish Aggarwal's AI start-up Krutrim has turned unicorn after raising $50 million in equity.

The round was led by investors including Matrix Partners India and others.

Krutrim also becomes the country's first AI start-up to attain a unicorn status. The funds raised will be instrumental in accelerating the company's mission to revolutionise the AI landscape, drive innovation, and expand its reach globally, the start-up said.

Bhavish Aggarwal, founder of Krutrim said, "India has to build its own AI, and at Krutrim, we are fully committed towards building the country's first complete AI computing stack."

"We are thrilled to announce the successful closure of our first funding round, which not only validates the potential of Krutrim's innovative AI solutions but also underscores the confidence investors have in our ability to drive meaningful change out of India for the world." Last month, Krutrim unveiled its base Large Language Model (LLM). With the largest representation of Indian data used for its training, it powers generative AI applications for all Indian languages. Trained by a team of leading computer scientists, based in Bengaluru and San Francisco, this model will power Krutrim's conversational AI assistant that understands and speaks multiple Indian languages fluently, it said.

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Krutrim is a family of Large Language Models, including Krutrim base and Pro that will have multimodal, larger knowledge capabilities, and many other technical advancements for inference. Trained on over 2 trillion tokens, Krutrim accomplishes better performance on multiple well known, global, LLM evaluation benchmarks including MMLU, HellaSwag, BBH, PIQA and ARC, the start-up said.

Krutrim will be available in beta version for consumers in February 2024. Additionally, it will also be available as an API for enterprises and developers, seeking to create AI applications. The company is working on AI infra to develop indigenous data centers and eventually, server-computing, edge-computing and super-computers.

MADE IN INDIA

Tata-Airbus deal to make choppers for civilian use

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

EUROPEAN aviation major Airbus and the salt-to-airline conglomerate Tata Group have joined hands to set up India's first Final Assembly Line (FAL) for helicopters in the private sector.

Together, the two groups will manufacture Airbus' best-selling chopper from its civil range, H125, for the domestic market and export to neighbouring countries.

The announcement was made during the two-day visit of French President Emmanuel Macron to India as chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations on January 26.

The FAL will undertake the integration of the major component assemblies, avionics and mission systems, installation of electrical harnesses, hydraulic circuits, flight controls, dynamic components, fuel system and the engine. It will also do testing, qualification, and delivery of the H125 to customers in India and the region.

Deliveries of the first 'Made in India' H125s are expected to commence in 2026. The location of the assembly line will be jointly decided by Airbus and the Tata Group.

The proposed helicopter manufacturing facility will be the second FAL to be established in India by Airbus.

SBI removes 'fraud' tag from Religare Finvest

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE State Bank of India (SBI) has removed the 'fraud' tag from Religare Finvest Limited (RFL) from the Central Fraud Registry database, said Religare Enterprises Ltd (REL) in an exchange filing.

SBI took this call following an order, dated December 18, 2023, from the Delhi High Court. "The removal of the 'fraud' tag stands as a testament to the commitment and dedication of the Company's Board, management and employees in resurrecting RFL and the Group from the brink in the aftermath of fraud perpetrated by the erstwhile promoters and their affiliates and putting it on the path of growth and development. This is pivotal step in the revival of RFL," said Rashmi Saluja, executive Chairperson, REL & CMD of RFL.

The company informed that in March 2023 it achieved a key milestone when it completed a one-time settlement (OTS) with 16 lenders through organic collections. The company paid over ₹9,000 crore to the country's banking system. Currently, RFL is awaiting the lifting of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) imposed on RFL by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in January 2018.

The Central Fraud Registry, established under the RBI (Frauds Classification and Reporting by Commercial Banks and Select FIs) Directions, 2016, is a web-based and searchable database on frauds reported by commercial banks and select financial institutions in terms of Master Directions on classification and reporting of frauds.

Meanwhile, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday said it raided companies of Essel Group in Mumbai and recovered "incriminating" documents as part of its ongoing money laundering probe linked to alleged diversion of funds worth over ₹2,000 crore from RFL.

International Maritime Arbitration Centre to come up in Mumbai

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IN a move to bolster its maritime arbitration services, India will launch the India International Maritime Arbitration Centre (IMAC) in the financial capital Mumbai.

As per highly placed sources, the arbitration centre will provide a range of dispute resolution services, including mediation, arbitration, and hybrid mechanisms. The centre will be established under the stewardship of the Indian Maritime University's Mumbai Port Campus and will be funded by the Indian Ports Association (IPA) and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).

"The IMAC Secretariat, slated to be built as a world-class facility, will house all the amenities, including a fully equipped conference area and meeting rooms. The government has to finalise the appropriate name, establish administrative mandates, and develop by-laws and internal procedures," a person in the know of the development told this paper. He said the centre would be operational in an year's time.

This international body will be akin to the London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) and the Tokyo Maritime Arbitration Commission (TOMAC). This body will also be free from compulsory appointment by the government or public sector undertakings (PSUs) to provide impartial oversight and governance for fair and equitable dispute resolution processes within the maritime sector, as per sources.

The proposal suggests including specific panels like SAROD-Ports under institutions like the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA). This aims to help parties use these specialised panels for resolving disputes, promoting customised and industry-specific arbitration solutions. Another important part of the proposal is creating a panel of experienced professionals with a background in commercial or technical shipping. They would work as Maritime Arbitrators.

Ramraj Cotton ropes in actor Rishabh Shetty

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

TAMIL NADU-based ethnic wear brand Ramraj Cotton has roped in 'Kantara' movie actor Rishabh Shetty as its new brand ambassador of Ramraj Dhotis, Shirts, and Kurtas.

The company aims to expand its traditional wear brand across the country. As the face of Ramraj, Shetty will play a pivotal role in enhancing the brand's visibility and resonance in urban as well as rural parts of India, it said in a press note.

This move also aligns with Ramraj Cotton's commitment to fortify its presence in the Indian market, the dhoti brand claimed.

Ramraj Cotton is gearing up for an intensive marketing campaign featuring the 'Kantara' movie actor.

ASIANOMICS

THAILAND

EXPORT GROWTH MISSES FORECAST IN DEC

Exports in Thailand jumped for a fifth straight month in December but at a slower pace and less than analysts' forecasts, according to the country's commerce ministry. The commerce ministry said on Friday it expected a small export growth in 2024 after a slight drop last year. The country's exports increased 4.7% in the month of December from a year earlier, following November's 4.9% rise. December exports, a key driver of Thailand's economy, dropped 2.9% from the previous month. The country's government said China's economic slowdown will also have a big impact on Thai exports this year. China was Thailand's second-largest export market in 2023 with a 12% market share, after 17.2% share of the United States. In December, shipments of cars and car parts as well as electronics increased but exports of chemicals dropped. Rice export volumes rose 4.1% in December from a year earlier, with the value up 27%. Rice shipments jumped 13.7% to 8.76 million metric tons in 2023.

SOUTH KOREA

2023 SEES LOWEST GDP GROWTH IN THREE YEARS

The gross domestic product (GDP) of South Korea witnessed the lowest growth in three years in 2023 because of sluggish consumption, the central bank data showed Thursday. The sluggish consumption in the country is caused by high interest rates and inflation. The seasonally-adjusted real gross domestic product, adjusted for inflation, increased 1.4% in 2023 as compared with the previous year, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK). It was the lowest increase since 2020 when the real gross domestic product declined 0.7% amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Except for 2020, it marked the lowest growth since 2009 when the global financial crisis roiled the Asian economy. Export gained 2.8% in 2023 after advancing 3.4% in the previous year on the back of the delayed recovery in the semiconductor sector. Import jumped 3% this year, down from an increase of 3.5% in the previous year. Private consumption, another growth engine of the economy, added 1.8% in 2023 after expanding 4.1% in the year 2022. The faltering consumption was attributed to the still high inflation and interest rates.

JAPAN

CORPORATE SERVICE INFLATION AT 9-YEAR HIGH IN DEC

The annual business-to-business service inflation in Japan hit 2.4% in December to match the previous month's nearly nine-year high, according to the data. It suggested that companies were gradually passing on rising labour costs amid prospects for sustained wage gains. The data underscores the Bank of Japan's (BOJ) view that rising service prices will start to replace cost-push inflation as a key driver of price gains, and help achieve its 2% inflation target on a sustainable basis. The year-on-year increase in the services producer price index, which measures what companies charge each other for services, was steady from a revised 2.4% increase in November, Bank of Japan data showed on Friday. The November increase was the fastest pace of increase since March 2015. Service price moves are closely watched by the Bank OF Japam as a key indicator of whether wages and inflation are beginning to rise in tandem, which it set as among prerequisites for phasing out its massive monetary stimulus.

Rane group to set up auto component unit in Mexico

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

CHENNAI-based auto components maker Rane Madras Limited (RML) opened a greenfield facility for manufacturing steering and suspension components for passenger vehicles in Mexico.

It is the company's first plant abroad and it comes under a wholly-owned subsidiary Rane Automotive Components Mexico (RACM).

This facility will supply inner and outer ball joints to an automotive tier-1 supplier for an upcoming electric vehicle platform by US-based original equipment manufacturer, the company said on Friday. The company plans initial investment of up to $6 million in the Mexican subsidiary over the next 12 to 18 months.

It is currently under discussion for the North American market for vehicle platforms of various OEMs like Ford, GM and Honda, it said. The subsidiary has a potential for Rs 320 crore sales.

The plant is located in Aguascalientes in the heart of Central Mexico and has a significant presence of automobile manufacturers like Nissan. The new facility will meet growing demand in the North American market. RML currently supplies inner and outer ball joints from its Indian facilities, to several global locations including Mexico, China and Central Europe.

Harish Lakshman, Vice Chairman of the Rane Group said this greenfield facility will help the company grow its international revenues.

SpiceJet closes capital infusion of ₹744 crore

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PRIVATE airline SpiceJet on Friday said it has allotted shares and warrants totalling ₹744 Crore on a preferential basis in the first tranche.

On January 25, 2024, the Company's Board of Directors approved the allotment of 5.55 crore equity shares on a preferential basis to 54 subscribers. Additionally, the Board approved the allotment of 9.33 Crore warrants, offering the option to apply for and be allotted an equivalent number of equity shares, on a preferential basis to Elara India Opportunities Fund Limited and Silver Stallion Limited.

SpiceJet said it is due to complete another tranche of raising equity/warrants from remaining subscribers and has requested additional time from the authority to complete the process under the ongoing preferential issue, as approved by the shareholders of the Company on January 10, 2024.

ENERGY TRANSITION

Govt halves equity infusion in OMCs to ₹15K cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE ministry has halved the amount of equity infusion in state-owned fuel retailers to ₹15,000 crore to support their investments in energy transition projects, and also has deferred the plans to purchase crude oil worth ₹5,000 crore to fill strategic underground storages.

The ministry made this decision after considering the emerging trends in oil markets. "The plan for the purchase of crude oil worth ₹5,000 crore for caverns at Mengaluru & Visakhapatnam has been recommended for deferral by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. This recommendation takes into account the emerging trends in oil markets," stated the finance ministry.

India, as the world's third-largest oil importer and consumer, relies on imports for over 80% of its oil requirements. In order to safeguard against supply disruptions, the country has established strategic storage facilities at three locations in southern India. These facilities have the capacity to store over 5 million tons of oil, providing a crucial buffer to ensure a stable and secure oil supply.

₹30,000 crore capital support to OMCs (IOCL,BPCL, HPCL) for green energy and net zero initiatives: During Expenditure Finance Committee meeting held on November 30, 2023, it was decided maximum of ₹15,000 crore could be provided for equity infusion into OMCs in FY 2023-24 —The Ministry of Finance

In 2023, during the presentation of the national budget, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman allocated ₹30,000 crore for Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) to support the energy transition plans.

She also proposed ₹5,000 crore for purchasing crude oil to fill strategic underground storages in Mangalore, Karnataka, and Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

These storages were established by the government as a precautionary measure against potential supply disruptions.

While other state-owned oil companies such as Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and GAIL (India) Ltd have also outlined substantial investments to achieve net-zero carbon emissions, the equity support was specifically directed to the three fuel retailers.

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Fourth straight one-day title for Railways women

Railways beat Uttarakhand to lift the Senior Women's One Day Trophy for the fourth consecutive time in Vadodara. After bundling Uttarakhand for 84, where Sneh Rana, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, and Renuka Singh Thakur took two wickets each, the defending champions chased the target with eight wickets in hand.

No. 4's control against inexperienced England spinners give Rohit and Co. advantage but Gill continues to be in nowhere land in the longest format

Rahul puts India in command

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Hyderabad

FOR the entirety of the morning session on Friday, an English gentleman was immortalising the vast expanse of the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium. Next to the dugout reserved for the photographers, the artist with an apron -- possibly in his 40s -- was using broad strokes to paint the ground.

While he was using the blank white canvas in front of him to paint the greens, KL Rahul was using the green canvas of the ground to compile a masterpiece of his own. Rahul is one of those batters who will continue to polarise the fan base -- he's never far away from attracting the sort of white noise that Indian cricketers are forced to live with -- but there's no doubt about his value to the team.

He may no longer figure in the scheme of things in the shortest format (his last match remains the semifinal against England at the World Cup in 2022) but is an integral part of the team in both the longer formats. After doubling up as a wicket-keeper in South Africa, the hosts, recognising what he brings to the team as a batter alone, wanted to lighten his burden.

Watching Rahul go about his business against inexperienced spinners was in stark contrast to seeing Shubman Gill during a slightly torturous 66-ball 23. The No. 4 was easy on the eye, and had multiple options to either get away from strike or punish 'hit-me-balls (there were several of them)'. Gill, on the other hand, kept going with hard hands and didn't have enough safe pressure-releasing shots.

KL Rahul (R) scored 86 to give India 175 runs lead | SRILOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

During their partnership of 36, Rahul was at ease. Gill was ill at ease. Here is a case in point. The 32-year-old, who averages over 42 in these conditions, was able to pierce the gap on the off-side for easy singles. He was also able to cut the spinners -- he's genuinely one of the best batters in the world when it comes to essaying this stroke -- off the back foot. Gill, though, was being suffocated. He doesn't seem to have the same option against the slower bowlers. He was feeling that.

After a quiet start to the day (zero of eight balls faced), Gill decided to go downtown off Joe Root. But he was nowhere near the pitch of the ball and ended up miscuing the lofted slap. Luckily for him, Ben Stokes lost sight of the ball and it landed 10 metres away from him. One ball later, Rahul showed his partner how it was done. He got to the pitch of the delivery and hit through the line down the ground. He followed that with another drive in the same region.

Rahul's innings should also be viewed within the context of the state of the game. This was a period of play when the spinners had finally developed some sort of rhythm. Yashasvi Jaiswal had departed in the first over of the morning and Gill was struggling for fluency. It can get very asphyxiating for batters to see two spinners landing in the right spots consistently. Even if the tourists did not have that luxury, the Karnataka lad kept the scoreboard ticking over.

Just after the first hour on another sun-kissed day, Rahul had made 43 off the 62 runs. That he was scoring at over four per over meant the tourists had no real control. All four spinners were inconsistent -- long hops, full-tosses and leg-stump half-volleys came along like they were turkey at Thanksgiving -- and he had no problems in dispatching most of that.

Soon enough, Gill departed, an uppish drive off Hartley only finding mid-wicket. Even if the management have invested in Gill, the pressure would have increased post this innings. Unless they go back on their word and ask Rahul to keep, it looks likely that the current No. 3 may have to make way for Kohli for the third Test.

Post lunch, cheered on by 25000 people in the stands, another impressive turnout for a weekday, Rahul cut loose with two big hits off Rehan Ahmed. The second was so short he pulled it over mid-on. Just when it looked like he was on the verge of getting only his second ton at home and first since that agonising 199 at Chennai against the same opposition, he got out. It was another Hartley long-hop -- by rights, it should have landed in Secunderabad -- but Rahul's arms failed him this time and he only found deep mid-wicket.

Around the same time, the painter had also taken a break. He returned to complete the canvas in the post-tea session. Rahul, meanwhile, would view his 86 as incomplete but it has put India in control of the first Test.

SCOREBOARD

England 1st innings: 246; India 1st innings (Overnight 119/1): Jaiswal c & b Root 80, Sharma c Stokes b Leach 24, Gill c Duckett b Hartley 23, Rahul c Rehan b Hartley 86, Iyer c Hartley b Rehan 35, Jadeja batting 81, Bharat lbw b Root 41, Ashwin run out 1, Axar batting 35; **Extras:** (b 5, lb 6, nb 2, w 2) 15; **Total:** (7 wickets in 110 overs) 421; **FoW:** 2-123, 3-159, 4-223, 5-288, 6-356, 7-358; **Bowling:** Wood 13-0-43-0, Hartley 25-0-131-2, Leach 25-6-54-1, Ahmed 23-3-105-1, Root 24-2-77-2.

We've grown up playing on wickets like this. It's a bit slow and started to get slower and lower. Had to know what shots to play and wait for the opportunities. Enjoying batting in the middle order.
— India batter KL Rahul to host broadcaster

WRONG LINE, LENGTH... CHOICES?

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Hyderabad

THE first five Indian wickets to fall suggested how below par England were with the ball. Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul were out trying to hit sixes. Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill were dismissed going for boundaries. Compare that to what happened when England were batting on Thursday. The tourists lost three of the first five wickets to defensive shots.

In a nutshell, this is the difference between the two teams after the first two days of the first Test at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Hyderabad. India's spinners hit the right lengths, bowled more wicket-taking deliveries and allowed the natural variation to do its thing. They also utilised the help available off the surface.

England's spinners, perhaps understandably, have been very inconsistent in their line and length. One of them had not bowled in this format. Another had played one Test. The most experienced member of the quartet, Jack Leach, was only coming back from a back stress fracture. He's also nursing a knee injury after banging it twice in the outfield. The fourth, Joe Root, looked the most threatening but came into the attack very late in the piece. This might sound post-facto but the tourists may have erred in not playing James Anderson for one of Rehan Ahmed or Tom Hartley. Anderson may not have got wickets but what he does guarantee is control. In that 2021 series, Anderson's economy of 1.92 was one of the best by a pacer on Indian soil in the last 25 years. It wasn't hard to miss the 41-year-old going through an extended practice session during the lunch break (perhaps he was sending a message to the team management). Like clockwork, he was hitting the top of off.

Joe Root (L) was the saving grace for England | SRILOGANATHAN VELMURUGAN

It was a tough day. Playing against India in India is tough as they create a lot of pressure. The way we created chances, some may have gone a little bit our way, then it would have been different. But that's cricket.
—Jeetan Patel, England assistant coach

Either side of lunch, the English bowlers weren't as disciplined. That has been the main problem for them. They didn't beat the bat often enough and kept bowling the boundary balls; like gifts that kept on giving. When the scoring rate finally dropped below four an over in the last session, it was a product of the hosts deciding to prioritise slow consolidation rather than the tourists building a semblance of pressure.

Of course, this isn't on Hartley or Ahmed. They cannot be blamed for England's threadbare spin bowling resources (the pair conceded 3/236 in 48 overs with just three maidens). But what they could have controlled is stringing together a series of deliveries in the same spot. There may not be many demons in the surface — it's a touch on the slower side and has remained steady barring the odd ball — but a failure to the basics has cost them dear. The pitch was a harmless water snake today but R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel will know there is enough in it to make it poisonous in the third innings.

The last three balls on Friday rammed home this point. It saw Axar flex his muscles as he hit Hartley for 14 runs between mid-wicket and long on. Out of the 236 runs the duo have conceded so far, 148 have come in boundaries (25 fours and eight sixes). If you want to be a touch harsh, it was Hartley and Ahmed bowling the same balls again and again and hoping for a different outcome. There is an element of learning on-the-job but at this level, the margins are brutal.

One could also argue that the decision to open and persist with Hartley was wrong. Anil Kumble, when he was on air for the broadcaster, had touched upon it. "They are not consistent at all on a surface where it's assisting you a bit," he had noted on Thursday night. "We saw that with the Indian spinners. As soon as they bowled a good length, it was turning, so they got the lengths wrong. And then, when you want to spin, first, is confidence. Hartley is playing his first game, Leach hasn't really played in a while, and then he's coming in."

Thanks to the visitors' largesse and generosity, the hosts have already built an imposing lead of 175 with three more wickets in the bank. Less than 180 overs into the series, Rohit Sharma & Co. look odds on to win the opening Test. If England hope to prevent it, Bazball ought to have not one but two of its best days yet.

EXPRESS READ

Athapaththu to replace Bell in WPL

BENGALURU: After English pacer Laure Bell's withdrawal from the second edition of the Women's Premier League, UP Warriorz have drafted Chamari Athapaththu as her replacement. The Sri Lankan captain, after going unsold in the auction last year, will be joining the team for her base price of `30 lakh.

India in FIH Women's Hockey5s WC semis

MUSCAT: Rutaja Pisal scored four goals while Deepika Soreng struck thrice as India hammered New Zealand 11-1 to enter the semifinals of the FIH Women's Hockey5s World Cup. Mumtaz Khan and Mariana Kujur scored two goals each in the goal fest, while Oriwa Hepi scored New Zealand's lone goal in the contest. India will face South Africa in the semifinal.

Archana upsets Shao to make last-16

MAPUSA: Young Indian paddler Archana Kamath pulled off a stunning win over Portugal's World No. 53 Jieni Shao to move into the women's singles pre-quarterfinals of the World Table Tennis Star Contender. The 23-year-old from Bengaluru came from behind to register a 3-2 (9-11, 11-5, 11-5, 8-11, 11-5) win.

Sinner ends Nole's streak; to meet Medvedev in final

AGENCIES @ Melbourne

JANNIK Sinner ended Novak Djokovic's bid for a record 25th Grand Slam title, snapping the Serb's astonishing 33-match winning run at Melbourne Park to set up a final against Daniil Medvedev. The Italian fourth seed won the semi-final 6-1, 6-2, 6-7 (6/8), 6-3. Meanwhile, Russian third seed Medvedev rallied from two sets down for the second time in the tournament to beat Alexander Zverev and make Sunday's title match.

Djokovic, with a record-breaking 10 Australian Open titles, admitted he was "outplayed" by a man 14 years his junior. "I was, in a way, shocked with my level, in a bad way," he said. "There was not much I was doing right in the first two sets," he added. Sinner, who made it to his maiden grand slam final detailed his approach. "I started off really well. He missed in the first two sets. I felt like he was not feeling that great on court so I just tried to keep pushing."

In the second semi-final, the never-say-die Russian third seed was in a precarious position but fought back to win 5-7, 3-6, 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 after four hours 18 minutes. Sixth seed Zverev appeared to be on his way to a second Grand Slam final when he won the first two sets. Medvedev, 27, was two points away from defeat in the fourth set tie-break but toughed it out to pull level. "Physically and mentally, five sets are tough and many times I was not strong enough, so I'm happy," said the Russian.

Italy's Jannik Sinner hits a return against Serbia's Novak Djokovic | AFP

In the women's singles final, defending champion Aryna Sabalenka will clash with Chinese 12th seed Zheng Qinwen. World number two Sabalenka beat American Coco Gauff. Zheng stormed into a debut championship match with a victory over Ukrainian qualifier Dayana Yastremska. India's Rohan Bopanna and his doubles partner, Australia's Matthew Ebden, will face the Italian duo of Andrea Vavassori and Simone Bolelli in the men's doubles final.

Dhanush & Babulal clinch lifting gold

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE weightlifting arena was abuzz on Friday. Weightlifter L Dhanush bagged the boys' 55 kg gold for the hosts and a few kilometres away at the shot gun range, Nilaa Rajaa Baalu and Yugan SM clinched the Trap mixed team silver to consolidate Tamil Nadu's second position in the overall medals tally in the Khelo India Youth Games on Friday.

Though it was on the expected lines for the hosts, Jharkhand boy Babulal Hembrom sprang a surprise winning state's historic gold in 49kg. Guided by former services coaches, Babulal managed to win state's first gold at the Games in lifting.

On the medal's table, it was a good day for the hosts. Tamil Nadu surged to second spot on Thursday after winning six gold in athletics and two from basketball and continued to maintain pressure on table-toppers Maharashtra on a day that only had six gold medals on offer. Maharashtra clinched two of them through lifter Megha Aher and 10m air rifle mixed team of Isha Taksale and Parth Mane to take their tally to 28 gold, 24 silver and 31 bronze. Tamil Nadu now have 26 gold, 13 silver and 23 bronze while third placed Haryana have 21 gold, 13 silver and 23 bronze.

Jyoshna Sabar set National Youth record in Snatch in 40kg to clinch the gold medal

In trap mixed team event, Nilaa, the daughter of Minister for Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce, Government of Tamil Nadu TRB Rajaa, and Yugan SM finished with a score of 125, two behind Rajasthan's Vinay Pratap Singh and Aishwari Choudhary.

Meanwhile, the vast expanse of the climate-controlled temporary arena outside the JN Indoor Stadium was resonating with sounds of iron. The young athletes were trying to hoist weights that seem impossible to haul. Yet, they managed to create meet and a national record.

Megha Aher is one such lifter from Maharashtra. She created a national youth record in Clean and Jerk hoisting 85kg in girls' 45kg at the Khelo India Youth Games here on Friday. Megha knew that she had to break the record in her final lift to have a chance of winning the gold after Andhra Pradesh's R Bhavani improved on Soumya Dalvi's earlier mark with a lift of 84kg to take the overall lead.

To her credit, the Manmad-based lifter showed no nerves in successfully executing the 85kg lift to win the gold with an aggregate of 148 kg. Bhavani took the silver with an aggregate of 147kg while Haryana's Payal, who led both Megha and Bhavani by four kilos after Snatch, finished third with a total of 145 kg.

Odisha's Jyoshna Sabar created a new National Youth record in snatch in 40kg category to clinch the gold medal. Jyoshna lifted a total of 130 kgs, including 60 in Snatch and 70 kg in Clean and Jerk with her State-mate Priteesmita Bhoi coming a distant second with a total of 116kg. B Neeraja of Andhra Pradesh bagged the bronze with a total of 114kg.

Results: Football: Girls: Manipur bt Jharkhand 1-0; Delhi bt Chhattisgarh 2-0. Hockey: (Semi-finals): Boys: Odhisha bt Jharkhand 6-1; Madhya Pradesh bt Haryana 2-2 (4-3 SO). Girls: Madhya Pradesh bt Odisha 3-1; Haryana bt Mizoram 7-4. Shooting: 10m Air Rifle mixed team: Gold: Isha Taksale/Parth Mane (Mah); Silver: Disha Dhankar/Arshit Arora (Har); Bronze: Sandrata Roy/Abhinav Shaw (WB). Trap mixed team: Gold: Aishwari Choudhary/Vinay Pratap Singh (Raj) 127; Silver: Nilaa Raajaa Baalu/Yugan SM (TN) 125; Bronze: Krishika Joshi/Keshav Chauhan (Pun) 121. Volleyball: Boys: Group A: Himachal Pradesh bt West Bengal 25-13, 27-25, 25-17; Uttar Pradesh bt Andhra Pradesh 25-16, 25-20, 25-20. Group B: Jammu and Kashmir bt Haryana 25-19, 25-21, 17-25, 20-25, 15-8; Tamil Nadu bt Rajasthan 25-17, 25-20, 25-18. Girls: Group A: West Bengal bt Rajasthan 25-19, 25-15, 25-23; Kerala bt Haryana 25-27, 22-25, 25-15, 25-21, 21-7. Group B: Gujarat bt Punjab 25-16, 25-14, 25-22; Tamil Nadu bt Chhattisgarh 25-7, 25-6, 25-8. Weightlifting: Boys: 49kg: Gold: Babulal Hembrom (Jha) 191; Silver: Rishab Prasher (UP) 188; Bronze: Krushna Vyawahare (Mah) 184. 55kg: Gold: L Dhanush (TN) 225; Silver: Nikhil Koli (Mah) 212; Bronze: Sosar Tama (ARN) 212. Girls: 40kg: Gold: Jyoshna Sabar (Odi) 130; Silver: Priteesmita Bhoi (Odi) 116kg; Bronze: B Neerja (AP) 114 kg. 45kg: Gold: Megha Aher (Mah) 148; Silver: R Bhavani (AP) 147; Bronze: Payal (Har) 145.

Hyderabad's Tanmay creates WR for fastest FC triple ton

AGENCIES @ Hyderabad

HYDERABAD opener Tanmay Agarwal broke the world record for the fastest triple-hundred in the history of first-class cricket in a Ranji Trophy Plate Group match against Arunachal Pradesh on Friday. he reached the milestone off only 147 balls, beating the previous record of South African cricketer Marco Marais, who had achieved in 191 balls during the game between Border and Western Province.

The match witnessed a whopping 529/1 in just 48 overs with Tanmay's undefeated 323 off just 160 balls at stumps.

The highest Indian first-class score is 443 by BB Nimbalkar, who hit it in a Ranji Trophy match between Maharashtra and Kathiawar. The world record for highest individual first-class score is 501 not out by the legendary Brian Lara for Warwickshire in an English county game against Durham.

SELECT RESULTS

Group B: At Mumbai: Mumbai 198 in 59.2 ovrs (Mulani 57; Bhuvneshwar 2/57, Rajpoot 3/40, Aaqib 3/54) vs Uttar Pradesh 53/1 in 15 ovrs; At Ranchi: Andhra 277/4 in 90 ovrs (Vihari 119 batting, Bhui 120; Kiran 2/36) vs Chhattisgarh; At Patna: Kerala 203/9 in 68 ovrs (Gopal 113 batting; Veer Pratap 3/26, Himanshu 4/50, Vipul 2/57) vs Bihar. **Group C:** In Coimbatore: Chandigarh 111 in 47 ovrs (Warrier 3/28, Sai Kishore 3/31) vs Tamil Nadu 221/1 (Jagadeesan 108, Pradosh Ranjan 87); In Agartala: Karnataka 241/8 (Agarwal 51, Bedare 62, Vyshak 50; Dutta 3/32) vs Tripura. **Group D:** Odisha 138 in 51 ovrs (Abhishek 4/39, Dhawan 3/35) vs Himachal Pradesh 80/1 in 29 ovrs; Madhya Pradesh 224/7 in 90 ovrs (Mantri 77, Dubey 59; Udeshi 3/53, Yadav 2/66) vs Pondicherry; Delhi 147 in 49.2 ovrs (Dhull 47; Devendra 3/40, Negi 3/34) vs Uttarakhand 98/4 in 27 ovrs (Sudha batting 55; Saini 3/39). **Plate Group:** Arunachal Pradesh 172 in 39.1 overs. Hyderabad 529/1 in 48 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 323 batting, Rahul Singh 185).

TN take lead

Tamil Nadu opener Narayan Jagadeesan struck his second hundred of the ongoing Ranji Trophy, as he remains unbeaten on 108 in the Group C meet against Chandigarh in Coimbatore. The day began with the visitors opting to bat. However, they displayed a below-par performance with the bat, getting bundled out for a mere 111.

Delhi shot out for 147

Delhi's Ranji Trophy campaign hit a new low on Friday after team's best batter Ayush Badoni was asked to stay back in team hotel at the behest of powerful officials, who wanted to teach the "IPL star" a lesson. Keeping Badoni out of 15 didn't make much of a difference to Delhi's inept batting as Uttarakhand's medium pace bowlers shot them out for 147 in a Group D match in Mohali.

Klopp to step down after restoring glory at Liverpool

AGENCIES @ Liverpool

JURGEN Klopp will leave Liverpool at the end of the season with legendary status having restored the Reds to a potent force in English and European football. The shock and disappointment that greeted his decision to announce he is stepping away is testament to a transformation that Liverpool had not seen since the days of Bill Shankly.

On Klopp's first day in charge at Anfield in 2015 he modestly declared himself as "a normal one", in stark contrast to Jose Mourinho's "special one" arrival as Chelsea manager. Yet, Klopp would go on to achieve extraordinary feats as the only Reds manager to complete the clean sweep of winning the Premier League, Champions League, FA Cup, League Cup, Club World Cup and Community Shield.

INTERLINKING OF RIVERS

SOLUTION TO WATER PROBLEM OR RECIPE TO ECOLOGICAL IMBALANCE?

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA @Chennai

AT the historic Mahabalipuram a few days ago, an All India Secretaries' Conference on Water Vision@2047-Way Ahead was organised by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti. The event was attended by Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and senior bureaucrats from 30-odd states.

The main topic of discussion during the two-day conference was the most ambitious and controversial river-interlinking projects, which were originally conceived and conceptualised in the 1980s but never saw the light of the day. However, now, there is a renewed push to realise these mega projects. The conclave in Mahabalipuram was part of the Centre's consensus-building exercise among the states.

The Centre and some 'beneficiary' lower riparian states argue that India has a rapidly growing problem of water stress and there is a need to use most of the runoff to meet its urban and agricultural needs. As a solution, the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) identified 30 link projects under two components — Himalayan and Peninsular —with a proposed budget of $168 billion.

The proposal involves a network of canals with an approximate length of 15,000 km and 3,000 reservoirs with a capacity to transfer 174 billion cubic metres of water each year from surplus to deficit basins to cater to the water demand of the growing population besides generating 34 million kilowatts of hydropower along with benefits like flood control and drought mitigation.

However, scientists, researchers and environmentalists point out that these projects are nothing but meddling with nature. They warn that changing the course of natural flow of rivers would lead to several cascading adverse effects.

Can impact Indian monsoon

A new research study titled "River interlinking alters land-atmosphere feedback and changes the Indian summer monsoon" published a few months ago in Nature Communications, is drawing a lot of eyeballs as it claims that massive river interlinking projects, which are proposed to offset increasing droughts and floods in India, can alter the Indian summer monsoon.

The study says these projects, which involve water transfer from surplus to deficit river basins through reservoirs and canals, were being conceived without an in-depth understanding of the hydro-meteorological consequences. It claims increased irrigation from the transferred water reduces mean rainfall in September by up to 12% in already water-stressed regions of India. "We observe more drying in La Niña years compared to El Niño years. Reduced September precipitation can dry rivers post-monsoon, augmenting water stress across the country and rendering interlinking dysfunctional. Our findings highlight the need for model-guided impact assessment studies of large-scale hydrological projects across the globe," it said.

The study was co-authored by reputed scientists from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and University in Hyderabad.

The study looked at land and atmospheric variables such as soil moisture, heat, humidity, precipitation and wind speed, among others, to project what changes might occur if river interlinking is undertaken. The main assumption of the study is that all the proposed projects have been executed, which as on date looks unlikely since only the Ken-Betwa link project has reached its implementation stage so far.

The study found that while rainfall remains largely unaffected in the months of June, July and August, there is a statistically significant decline in September across several rain-fed regions.

The highest median reductions in rainfall in September were found to be in Odisha (12%), Andhra Pradesh (10%), Rajasthan and Gujarat (9%). Parts of central India in the core monsoon zone also show a decline in rainfall of 8%, along with declines in the western Himalayan foothills in Uttarakhand and east-central India (6.4%).

Likewise, some regions are expected to see a rise in rainfall in September, such as in Bihar, Jharkhand and eastern Uttar Pradesh (12%), as well as some parts of Maharashtra and Telangana (10%).

The study says adjacent river basins do not exist in isolation, and moving water from one to another may have additional impact due to atmospheric water. The results were built on the fact that towards the end of the Indian summer monsoon, when the soil is saturated and evapotranspiration (the supply of moisture from the land to the atmosphere) is fairly high, recycled precipitation contributes to about 25% of monsoon rainfall. If water from one basin were to be used to irrigate another basin, the combination of increased evapotranspiration and wind could reduce the late monsoonal rain by 12% in some arid regions of the country, and increase rainfall up to 10% in other parts. In his response to the study, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat brushed it aside, calling its findings "hypothetical" and "institutional view". "The interlinking of rivers is nothing new. Across the globe, several such projects were implemented and in India, there are intrastate links executed and working successfully," he told this newspaper during the water conclave.

Debashree Mukherjee, secretary at the Department of Water Resources, also told this newspaper that before taking up any river interlinking project, a fool-proof environment impact assessment is done, which factors in all the aspects.

Current status

Minister Shekhawat said out of 30 projects, detailed project reports (DPRs) have been prepared for 15 of them. Besides, pre-feasibility studies are already over for all others and shared with the stakeholder states. "Water is a state subject and consensus among states is key to implement these projects. We are working towards it."

As on date, there are five priority link projects (Ken-Betwa link project; Godavari-Cauvery link project; modified Parbati- Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) Link Canal Project with Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP); Mahanadi-Godavari; and Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Ganga link project, which have made some progress.

Only the Ken-Betwa link has reached the implementation stage as tripartite agreement among state governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh has been signed, according to which in a normal year, MP shall utilise 83 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) and UP shall use 60 TMC annually from the Ken system.

GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD

DILEMMA OVER ENERGY TRANSITION VS BIRD CONSERVATION

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Great Indian Bustard (GIB) finds itself trapped in a peculiar environmental situation in the Thar desert, as its habitat is at the heart of the country's green energy transition network. High tension transmission lines of solar and wind power grids have unfortunately been killing the bird to the verge of its extinction over the last few decades.

The GIB and the Lesser Florican have been listed as Critically Endangered on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) since 2011. The GIB is one of the heaviest flying birds in the world — about a metre in height with a wingspan of around seven feet. It's endemic to the Thar Desert region.

According to a 2008 survey, the number of GIBs was estimated at just 250 and confined to Rajasthan and Gujarat. A decade later, in 2018, the corresponding figure dipped to 150, including 25 GIBs in the government's captive breeding centres. There has been no update on the numbers ever since.

Earlier, bustards were extensively hunted for meat and by local sports as trophies. The GIB's nesting is on the ground and its prey base is pests, termites, rats and snakes, thus contributing to balance in the desert ecology. But when the Indira Gandhi irrigation canal increased intensive agricultural opportunities in arid regions of Jaisalmer and Barmer, they destroyed their habitats. Besides, use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides in agriculture impacted its food chain and restricted its growth.

Then came the renewable energy grids to fight global warming that further shrunk the GIB's habitats.

The problem with GIBs is their lack of adequate frontal vision. As such, they fail to detect power lines ahead of them while flying and end up colliding with the lines and getting electrocuted. "If timely action is not taken, these grassland birds would be soon declared extinct," said Dr Sumit Dookia, who teaches Animal Ecology and Wildlife Biology at Delhi's IP University and also works with the community in the conservation of GIB in Jaisalmer and Barmer. "The main threats to these birds are habitat loss through agricultural activities and transmission lines of solar and wind power grids causing collision and electrocution," he said. The Supreme Court recently directed the Union government to come up with a comprehensive plan to save these grassland birds while factoring in India's obligations to renewable energy.

Deadly power lines

In 2019, environmental expert M K Ranjit Sinh filed a public interest litigation to save these birds from Anthropocene (human impact) activities in these regions. The PIL sought interim directions to the Rajasthan and Gujarat governments to ensure predator proof fencing, controlled grazing and no further permit to install overhead power lines, windmills and solar infrastructure in the GIB's potential habitat identified by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII). The PIL also sought the installation of bird diverters for power lines and also to ultimately take the power transmission cables underground.

Significantly, the WII's 'Power Line Mitigation, 2018' report revealed that over 1 lakh birds of a whole range of species die every year in and around the Desert National Park (DNP), Rajasthan due to electrocution. In their 80 km of power lines survey, scientists found 289 carcasses of around 30 species, including those of the GIB. There were six GIB mortalities recorded in the Thar desert between 2017-20. All the GIB deaths were recorded due to high tension transmission lines — some of them connected to wind turbines.

OBITUARY

With profound grief, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved

RENU RAMGOPAL

who passed away peacefully on Thursday, 25th Jan, 2024.

In grief,

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SUMITA VERMA (Sister),
ANITA VERMA (Sister).

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE is hereby given that **M/S Classic Featherlite Waterfront Developers LLP** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Clients **Mr. Ajoy Kumar and Mrs. Karishma** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr. RADESH .K, Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore. within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Plot No: 505 measuring 111.41 Square Meters in the Layout known as "THE SANCTUARY IV", formed in (Old Sy.No. 28/1) New Survey No: 28/3 measuring 36 Guntas and (Old Sy.No. 32) Later No: 32/1, New Survey No: 32/5 measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas, Situated at Gonighattapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL, CHENNAI

M.A. No. 18 of 2023
in
M.A.(SA.No).176 of 2017

1. Kavitha N
2. H. Narayana Rao
3. Usha Rani

All residing at
No.129, Udani Layout, Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru – 560 008

...Appellants

- Vs.-

1. **Bank of Baroda Ulsoor Branch,** Rep by its Authorised Officer, No.11/12, Cambridge Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru – 560 008
2. **Miss. Saritha Shetty,** D/o. Sri. Raju, Mantri Garden Apartments, Madhavan Park, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 011

.....Respondents

To
Miss. Saritha Shetty D/o Sri. Raju Mantri Garden Apartments, Madhavan Park, Jayanagar Bangaluru – 560 011.

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT THROUGH SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

Whereas the Appellants has filed the above set aside application in the above appeal before DRAT, Chennai against the Respondents 1 & 2. Whereas the service of notice in regard to 2nd Respondent could not be effected in the ordinary manner and hence substituted service has been ordered by this Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Chennai and hence this notice through paper publication.

Therefore the 2nd Respondent is directed to appear before this Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Chennai situated at 7th Floor, Additional office block, Shastri Bhawan, Haddowa Road, either in person or through a duly instructed Advocate **on 15.02.2024 at 11.00 AM** and show cause as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the appeal shall be heard and decided in your absence, in accordance with law.

P.C.Naveen Kumar
Counsel for the Appellants

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

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Sl. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	c	(d)	(f)
1	**1. Ms. Arkkisha Bagchi,** D/o. Mrs. Sumeru Datta (Borrower) [Since Deceased) & D/o. Mr. Debasheesh Bagchi (Co-borrower) [Since deceased And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mrs. Sumeru Datta (Borrower)[Since Deceased) & **Mr. Debasheesh Bagchi (Co-borrower)** [Since deceased] House No- T -13, Meenaksi Residency, Bannerghatta Road, Arekera 2nd Main, Near British Biologicals, Bengaluru 560076. **Also at:** Unit-274, Pride Green Meadows, Bukksagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru 562106. **2. And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s),** D/o. Mrs. Sumeru Datta (Borrower) [Since Deceased) & D/o. Mr. Debasheesh Bagchi (Co-borrower) [Since deceased And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mrs. Sumeru Datta (Borrower) [Since Deceased) & Mr. Debasheesh Bagchi (Co-borrower) [Since deceased] House No- T -13, Meenaksi Residency, Bannerghatta Road, Arekera 2nd Main, Near British Biologicals, Bengaluru 560076. **Also at :** Unit-274, Pride Green Meadows, Bukksagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru 562106.	**Loan A/c No: 671669606 Rs.41,68,833/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three Only) as on 31.12.2023**	16.01.2024 N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.12.2023	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands measuring an **extent of 12 Acres 18 Guntas** comprised **Sy.No.96,1 Acre 20 Guntas** comprised in **Sy.No.157/1 and 6 Acres 12 Guntas** (inclusive of 2 Acres 12 Guntas of Kharab) comprised in Sy.No.188, totally measuring an extent of 20 Acres 10 Guntas, all situated at Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District (converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN.SR(AJ) 195/1996-97, dated:27/01/2004, Official Memorandum bearing, No.ALN.SR(AJ) 13/1996-97, dated: 14/11/1996, Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN.SR(AJ)14/1996-97, dated: 15/11/1996 all issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South Sub Division, Bangalore) and bounded on the: **East by :** Sy.No.97 of Bukkasagara Village followed by Nandanavana Layout and Sy.No.156 of Bukkasagara Village. **West by :** Sy.No.97 of Bukkasagara Village, **North by :** Sy.No.97 of Bukkasagara Village, **South by :** Kallubalu Village Boundary. **Schedule B:** All that piece and parcel of Residential **Site bearing No.274** assigned Khaneshmari No.403/274 (bearing E Khata No.150200100400920523) by the Kalubailu Village Panchayath, forming a part of the Residential Layout known as **GREEN MEADOWS** formed in Sy No.96, (Converted vide Official Memorandum bearing, No.ALN.SR(AJ) 195/1996-97, dated: 27-01-2004) being a part of the Schedule A Property comprising of 20 Acres 10 Guntas, all situated at Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District measuring East to West 40 feet. North to South 30 feet, totally measuring about 1200 sq.ft and bounded on the: **East by :** Site No.281, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.275, **South by :** Road.
2	**Mr. Das Sujoy (Borrower),** No.212 3rd Cross, Nanda Gokula Street, Narayanapura, PWD Road, Near Grand Maa Kitchen, Bengaluru 560016. **Also at:** Idrive Software (India) Private Limited, **Designation:** Backup Analyst, **Department:** Voice Support, **Employee No:** ST SIS, Unit B-903 9th Floor B Block, Brigade Tech Park, Whitefield Road, Bengaluru 560066 **Also at:** FIS Solutions (India) Private Limited, **Designation:** Business Analyst, **Department:** IT, No.3 Old No.2 Embassy Icon, 4th Floor 6th Level, Infrantry Road, Bengaluru 560001 **Also at:** Flat-109, Floor-First, Block-C, Sipani Jardin Apartments, S No 168 & 169, Madiwala Village, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru 560068.	**Loan A/c No: (1) 629860479 Rs.25,22,376/- (2) 630168479 Rs. 87,085/- (3) 657416477 Rs. 2,75,409/- Total Amount Rs.28,84,870/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Only) as on 31.12.2023**	16.01.2024 N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.10.2023	**Schedule A:** 1. All that piece and parcel immoveable property bearing **Survey No. 168** situated at Madivala (Bandapura) Village, Marsur Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, totally measuring Two Acres and bounded as follows; **East by :** Road; **West by :** Private Property; **North by :** Survey No. 169; **South by :** Remaining portion of land Survey No. 168. 2. All that piece and parcel immoveable property bearing **Survey No. 169**, situated at Madivala (Bandapura) Village, Marsur Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, totally measuring 31 Guntas (only 18 Guntas used for the project) and bounded as follows; **East by :** By Road; **West by :** Private Property; **North by :** Remaining portion of land in Survey No. 169; **South by :** Remaining portion of Gowramma's Land in Survey No. 168; **Schedule B:** West Facing, Apartment **No. 109** on the **First Floor of Block "C"** of the residential apartment complex known as **"SIPANI JARDIN"** constructed upon Schedule "A" Property having measuring 65.49 Square Mtrs of carpet area (705 Square Feet) and 85.93 Square Mtrs **(925 Square Feet) super built-up area** consisting of Two bed rooms, hall, kitchen, balconies and toilets and 3.25 Square Mtrs (35 Square Feet) of garden area and proportionate 40.17 Square Mtrs **(432.39 Square feet)** of undivided share, title and interest in the land comprised in Schedule A Property, with **One Covered car parking space** at Stilt floor and proportionate interest in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts staircases and other common facilities. **PID No. 150200101800622575.**
3	**Mr. Vijaysimha A R (Borrower),** No.612, Simhadri, 7th Cross, 7th Phase, Auden School Road, B.S.K 3rd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru 560085 . **Mr. Vijaysimha A R (Borrower),** G-Corp Power Private Limited, **Designation:** Director, **M/S G Corp Power Private Limited (Co-Borrower) Represented by Mr. Vijaysimha A R Designation:** Chairman, No.81/37, The Hulkul, Ground Floor, Lavelle Road, Shanthala Nagar, Bangalore G P O, Bengaluru 560001. **Also at:** Flat-B-001-Tower-B, B-001, Ground and First Floor, Hoysala Infantry Towers, 1 Plot Site No.23, S No 21/3, D.Raja Gopal Road, Gedalahalli, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru 560001.	**Loan A/c No: 642398786 Rs.3,60,31,103/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Lakh Thirty One Thousand One Hundred and Three Only) as on 31.12.2023**	17.01.2024 N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.01.2024	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of the land measuring **48128 sq.ft.** property bearing Municipal No. **New 23,** having PID No.100-686-23 situated on D Rajgopal Road, Geddalahalli Sy.No.21/3, Sanjayanagar, Bangalore, bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Private property, **North by :** Property of Verabadrappa, **South by :** property of V.Sreenivas Raju. **Schedule B: 1426.17 Sq.ft.** of undivided right, interest and share in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above. **Schedule C: Duplex Flat No.B-001, in the Tower 'B', Covered on Ground Floor and First Floor** of the apartment building called **"HOYSALA INFANRY TOWERS"** measuring super built up area of **4985 Sq.ft.,** along with **2(Two) Car Park Spaces.**
4	**(1) Mrs. Anitha (Borrower),** Newfield Engineers Private Limited, **Designation:** Purchase Executive, **Department:** Purchase, **Employee No:** 29, **(2) Mr. S Singaravelu (Co-Borrower), Silver Crest Clothing Private Limited, Designation:** Purchase Executive, **Department:** Purchase, Sy. No. 1/1, Buraggunte Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Tq, Sarjapura, Bengaluru 562125. **both are residing at :** # 1-340A, Begepalli Village, Behind Mask, Krishnagiri- Hosur, Hosur 635126, No.47, 4th Phase, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-560099, **Also at :** Plot 01, S. No. 206 / 2, Krishnagiri District, Colony Ezhil Nagar, Begepalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Hosur-635109.	**Loan Account No. 618362722 Rs.15,07,335/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Five Only) as on 31.12.2023**	17.01.2024 ..... N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.06.2022	In Begepalli Village of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District attached to Hosur Sub Registration District and Krishnagiri Registration District, and also attached to the Village Panchayat Limits of Begepalli and Union council of Hosur. **Survey Number: 206/2 (Two Hundred and Six / Two),** Dry.Ext.Hec.0.51.0, Asst. Rs.2.50 the said Land has been converted into House Plots in which PLOT No.1 (ONE) and Bounded as follows: **East :** 20 feet common Road, **West :** Survey No.223, **North :** Plot No.2, **South :** Survey No.220 Land. **Within These Boundaries Measuring:** East to West on Northern side : 40.0 feet, East to West on Southern side : 40.0 feet, North to South on Eastern side : 29.0 feet, North to South on Western side : 29.0 feet. **Total - 1160 (One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty) Square Feet** of Vacant Site in this constructed RCC Building. **The New Subdivision No. 206/2A1A.** The above said House includes all accessories, Windows, Doors, Superstructure, with Electrical installations with deposit, EB Meter, Staircase, Pipe Fittings, Borewell with Motor, Compound wall with Gate, etc.

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CEREMONY

The US, North Vietnam, South Vietnam and the Vietcong participated in the morning ceremony. The afternoon set was signed by US and North Vietnam

PRESIDENT'S DEATH

President Nixon's predecessor, Lyndon B Johnson, passed away one day before the announcement of the peace agreement

A guide to the weekend's happenings

PG 2

WHIPPING UP SOMETHING NEW

City chef Abraham Jacob, who stars in Mohanlal's latest film *Neru*, on his accidental pivot to the cinematic world and his first on-set experience

Stills from the film

POOJA DAS

FROM the bustling kitchens of Bengaluru to the dazzling lights of a film set, **Abraham Jacob**, also known as Chef Abe has made quite a leap with his first cinematic venture in the Malayalam film *Neru*, directed by the renowned director Jeethu Joseph, famed for creating the original *Drishyam* franchise. "It is a big change in direction. It's a career I never ever dreamt I would be a part of. The culinary side of things has been with me for around 25 years. I had done a commercial two years ago and it so happened that Mr Jeethu Joseph was on the lookout for a fresh face for his movie *Neru*, which means truth. I got a message one day out of the blue where Mr Joseph introduced himself and told me that he had a movie in mind and wanted to speak with me. It was one of the most fascinating experiences in my life – to get a call from an astute and brilliant director like him," says Jacob, the old Bangalorean, who is also a food and beverage consultant.

Neru, a courtroom drama which delves into the intricacies of justice and power after a blind sculptor is assaulted, brings back the dynamic duo of actor Mohanlal and director Joseph after their successful collaborations in *Drishyam* and *12th Man*. Jacob plays the role of Christopher Joseph, father of the accused Michael Joseph which takes him on a journey of discovering the intricacies of playing a character like that with conviction. "I am playing the role of a rich businessman from Mumbai with a spoilt son who is trying to use his power to bring in the best lawyer to fight the case," shares Jacob.

Jacob feels privileged to have been part of such an experience in his debut film. "Every single experience for me from the day I got that call to the time I spent in locations across Kerala was very special. I have learnt so much from the experience," he says, adding, "What I found most amazing with him [Jeethu Joseph] is that he makes you give him the kind of performance he has in mind. Irrespective of the number of takes, he wants the best of the artistes on set."

For Jacob, being surrounded by popular actors like Siddique and Priyamani was challenging initially. "This was my first film, and first time on set with a large production company, so I had butterflies in my stomach. But when you hear your director say, 'Cut, well done', that makes you feel like you have achieved something in a small measure," says Jacob. Talking about his co-stars, Siddique and Priyamani, his on-screen lawyers, Jacob says, "It was Siddique who made me feel comfortable whenever I was overwhelmed. Working with Priyamani was great because she would also speak in Kannada and we would crack local jokes sometimes and have a good laugh."

Following a successful run in theatres, *Neru* is now on OTT. While Jacob is in talks for future roles, his passion for food is here to stay. "2024 started on a beautiful note and *Neru* is now on OTT reaching multiple audiences. We will be opening a brewery in Sarjapur soon and I am looking forward to that too," says Jacob.

CITY READ

CMR Institutions mark Voters' Day

CMR University and CMR Institute of Technology (CMRIT) celebrated the 14th annual National Voters' Day (NVD) on Jan 25. Over 800 students participated in the event, registering as new voters. The day, observed nationwide, honours the role of each vote in a democratic society. The students took an oath, pledging to vote judiciously.

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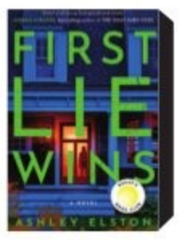
BOOK NOOK

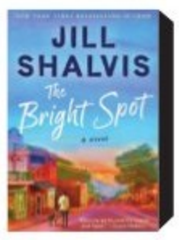


First Lie Wins
by Ashley Elston

Evie Porter has everything a girl could want: a doting boyfriend, a house with a picket fence, a fun group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist. First comes the identity. Once she is given a name and location by her employer, she learns everything there is to know about the town and its people.

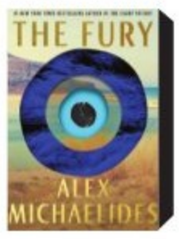
Maria Just Maria
by Sandhya Mary

Translated by Jayasree Kalathil, the book is an insightful and humorous take on ideas like normal-abnormal, natural-human, love-hate, etc., that define contemporary society, and the exuberant and moving story of a woman trying to find her place in this world.



The Bright Spot
by Jill Shalvis

With a farm-to-table café and a menagerie of rescued animals is the best home Luna Wright has ever known. The owner Silas, passes away, with many secrets. Luna's world is threatened and she has to dig deep to find true strength and the real meaning of love and family.



The Fury
by Alex Michaelides

The book is about a reclusive ex-movie star and her famous friends whose spontaneous trip to a private Greek island is upended by a murder and a game of cat and mouse.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Connection Carnival

Step into the world of laughter, games, and genuine connections. Whether you're seeking relationships, love, business connections, or a great time, this inclusive gathering is for you. Shed judgments at the door and experience meaningful interactions beyond small talk.
WHEN: Jan 27, 3 pm
WHERE: People for India Foundation, Jayanagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Play & Relax

This weekend, unwind as you learn and play some of the best board games from across the world. Go with loved ones or meet new people and spend some quality time.
WHEN: Jan 27, 3 pm
WHERE: The Boardgame Den, Church Street
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

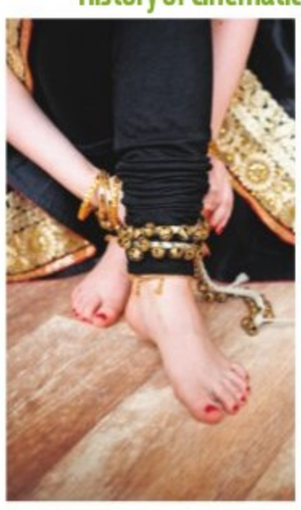
Theatre Time

The Kannada play *Karma*, is a gripping psychological thriller that explores the impact of subconscious choices on marriage, friendship, and love. The narrative unfolds through dual perspectives, leaving you to ponder if characters engage in time travel or cross paths at some point. The play also features English subtitles.
WHEN: Jan 28, 3.30 pm
WHERE: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Movie Night

Go with loved ones for a unique cinematic experience, as you watch the romantic comedy *When Harry Met Sally* under the night sky. Elevate your movie experience and enjoy a night of romance and laughter under the stars.
WHEN: Jan 27, 7 pm **WHERE:** SSC Open-Air Cinema, Kodigehalli **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

History of Cinematic Dance



Go on a captivating journey through time and artistry and explore how Kathak's emotive storytelling has left an indelible mark on Indian cinema's dance choreography, with this performance.
WHEN: Feb 3, 6 pm
WHERE: Dwani Auditorium, Brookefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laugh Out Loud

Enjoy an evening of standup comedy with Delhi's comedy sensation **Rajat Chauhan**, who is bringing to Bengaluru, his signature observational humour on every day.
WHEN: Jan 27, 4.30 pm
WHERE: Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

A Tale Through Dance

Discover the enchanting world of Mohiniyattam through Shruthi KP's Mohini Made Friends, a journey of a little girl, Mohini, who communicates through dance, unfolds the magic of friendship. **WHEN:** Jan 27, 11.30 am
WHERE: Atta Galatta, Binnamangala
DETAILS: 9632510126

CLASSICAL MEETS CONTEMPORARY

Members of the band Lakkshya Quartert perform during the Fusion Music and Dance Festival at the newly-renovated Khincha Auditorium at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICK FIX

CHEESE GARLIC BREAD

INGREDIENTS
- **Soft Butter (salted):** 4-5 tbsp
- **Garlic (chopped):** 3 tsp
- **Some herbs and chilli flakes**
- **Cheese:** 200gms
- **Bread slice:** 4-5

METHOD
- In a bowl, add soft butter and chopped garlic. Whisk it properly to make smooth garlic butter.
- Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 190°C. If you are using a stove, heat a pan or tawa on medium heat.
- On a slice of bread smear the garlic butter. Make sure you press the garlic chunks in the bread to prevent them from falling off.
- Bake for 12 minutes in the oven. On a pan or tawa, toast one side on medium heat.
- While the bread is getting baked, grate some cheese.
- Pull the bread out, garnish it with grated cheese. Sprinkle your favourite herbs and chilli flakes. Put it back in the oven for two to three minutes.
- Serve it hot.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

TADASANA PAWANMUKTASANA ARMS RAISED IN NAMASTE
(STANDING WIND RELEASE POSE ARMS RAISED IN NAMASKAR HANDS)

This is a combination of Tadasana (Mountain Pose) and Pawanmuktasana (Wind Release Pose). It's a standing beginners' pose which enhances the balancing capacity. It gives deep stretch to the arms, sides of the torso, and the armpits.

STEPS
- Stand in Tadasana and take a couple of breaths, keeping spine erect and relaxing shoulders.
- Keep legs straight and arms to side of the body.
- Inhale and lift the left foot. Bend it and hold it close to the abdomen and chest with toes facing the ground. Lock it with the palms of the hands.
- Keep breathing and slowly raise your arms. , Elbows must be straight and hands should touch the ears.
- Stretch your upper body, keep the arms in Namaskar Mudra and look up. Bend the neck.
- Put the left foot down, come back to Tadasana and bring your arms down.
- Repeat the steps by lifting your right foot and look up. Remain in the pose for about 3-4 breaths, initially. Release and return to Tadasana.
- Repeat this practice and try to hold for longer time.

LIMITATIONS

People with knee, ankles or shoulder injuries, hips and spine surgeries, weak legs, ankles or shoulders, hernia, vertigo issues, high blood pressure or migraine, senior citizens and pregnant women, should avoid this.

Senior citizens, beginners and people with lack of body breath connections can do it near a wall for support.

BENEFITS
- Stretches arms, armpits, shoulders and muscles of side back and abdomen.
- Strengthens the calf muscles, knees, glutes and legs.
- Helps enhance the upper body flexibility.
- Helps improve functioning of the lungs and cardiopulmonary system.
- Helps move smoothly into Virabhadrasana III (Warrior Pose III).
- Helps remove stress by relaxing the mind.
- Helps reduce constipation, IBD syndrome (irregular bowel syndrome).
- Helps increase metabolism.
- Balances the Chakras like Third Eye, Ajna, Sacral and Root.
- Can be done by teenagers, kids, and sportspersons.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

INDIAN POLICE FORCE (Hindi, series)

Delhi Police officer Kabir Malik battles an insidious adversary, Zarar, who has chosen the path of terrorism. The show unfolds a thrilling chase, capturing the relentless pursuit of justice and the sacrifices made in the line of duty.

Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Vivek Oberoi, Shilpa Shetty

- **Watch On:** Amazon Prime Video

KILLER SOUP (Hindi, series)

Swathi dreams of owning a restaurant. But when murder derails her plan, she and her lover take an outrageous step to replace him with her husband.

Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Konkona Sen Sharma, Sayaji Shinde

- **Watch On:** Netflix

PHILIP'S (Malayalam)

Unforeseen events arise in Philip's joyful family disrupting their happiness. They must tackle these hiccups and regain their life in a better way.

Cast: Mukesh, Alfred Kurian Joseph, Ajith Koshy

- **Watch On:** Manorama Max

SEVAPPI (Tamil)

A 5-year-old boy living in a remote village bonds with a chicken he pretends to have birthed. The village views this as a family dispute that escalates into a caste issue dividing the town.

Cast: Poornima Ravi, Rishikanth, and Shravan Athvethan

- **Watch On:** aha Tamil

SNAKES SOS : GOA'S WILDEST (Telugu, series)

Ben and Louise are wedding organisers by the day and Snake Hotline 24x7. Snake SOS follows them on their nerve-wracking snake rescues in Goa.

Cast: Benhail Antao, Louise Remedios

- **Watch On:** Disney + Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

THE LEGEND OF HANUMAN (Hindi)

When the power-hungry Ravan tears through the world to unleash evil, in his way stood a humble vaanar awoken to his divinity to become an immortal legend.

Cast: Da Man, Shakti Singh

- **Watch On:** Disney+ Hotstar

CHERAN'S JOURNEY (Tamil)

Five equally talented candidates. One vacancy. Having journeyed through trying times in their lives, each of them must prove why they deserve the job. Can they rely on their past to help build their future?

Cast: R Sarathkumar, Prasanna, Aari Arujunan, Kalaiyarasan, Divyabharathi

- **Watch On:** SonyLIV

FOREIGN

THE KITCHEN (English)

In a dystopian future London where all social housing has been eliminated, Izi and Benji fight to navigate the world as residents of The Kitchen, a community that refuses to abandon their home.

Cast: Kano, Jedaiah Bannerman, Hope Ikpoku Jnr

- **Watch On:** Netflix

ZORRO (Spanish, series)

Zorro discovers family secrets that will change his destiny forever as he tries to free California.

Cast: Miguel Bernardeau, Luis Tosar, Renata Notni

- **Watch On:** Amazon Prime Video

A SHOP FOR KILLERS (Korean, series)

An action drama in which a nephew who lost his parents and grew up in the hands of an uncle who runs a shopping mall, faces a new truth after his uncle's sudden death.

Cast: Lee Dong-wook, Kim Hye-jun, Jo Han-sun

- **Watch On:** Disney+ Hotstar

PRIMBON (English)

Upon the unexpected return of a young woman who had been missing for seven days, her family begins to question her true character.

Cast: Happy Salma, Nugie, Flavio Zaviera

- **Watch On:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹199/month
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Jio Cinema:	₹999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹899/year
Zee5:	₹699/year
Viki Rakuten:	₹299/month
Aha:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

EXPANDING UNIVERSE OF WHISKY

MIXOLOGY
Gyana Ranjan Biswal

(The writer is bar manager, House Of Commons)

A timeless spirit synonymous with heritage and craftsmanship, whisky continues to captivate aficionados across the globe. Originating from regions like Scotland and Ireland, with significant contributions from the USA and Japan, whisky's realm is now experiencing a vibrant global expansion. This growth is introducing a plethora of innovative flavours and techniques, revealing the spirit's versatility and international appeal.

Recent years have seen countries outside the traditional whisky belt making their mark. Notably, India has emerged as a significant whisky producer with premium brands such as Rampur, Amrut, and Paul John. These brands are receiving international acclaim for their unique flavours, shaped by India's diverse climate, showcasing the adaptability and diversity of whisky production.

Beyond India, other nations are venturing into whisky making, leveraging local ingredients and unique ageing environments. Countries like Australia, Taiwan, and various European nations are contributing their distinctive touch to the broadening spectrum of whisky flavours and experiences.

The whisky industry is also embracing innovative production techniques. A notable trend is the focus on sustainability, as seen in the rise of grain-to-glass distilleries. These operations emphasise local grain sourcing, thereby reducing environmental impact and enabling the creation of unique flavour profiles. Advancements in rapid maturation techniques are revolutionising the ageing process, using methods like high-frequency sound waves and smaller barrels to accelerate maturation.

A significant innovation in the world of whisky cocktails is the ageing of cocktails in barrels. This technique, traditionally reserved for ageing spirits, is being applied to cocktails, allowing them to absorb additional flavours from the wood. There is also a renewed interest in classic whisky cocktails, albeit with a modern twist. Bartenders are revisiting and reimagining traditional recipes like the Old Fashioned and the Manhattan, experimenting with various whiskies and introducing contemporary elements to adapt these classics for modern tastes.

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Rhea Aaron & Bikash Parikh

AT my parents' home, celebrating birthdays was a consequential celebration. Presents would be bought and wrapped in advance and a big deal would be made about hiding the said stash and trying to convince the 'person to be commemorated' that we had bought them nothing. Looking back, we grew up in a nuclear family and I think my parents created this hoopla so as to give us distinct memories that we would carry into our lives and into the lives of our new families which, I most certainly did! My children would be woken up at the stroke of midnight with a cake and presents with everyone singing the 'happy-birthday' ditty in their own key, while the dogs howled along knowing that a piece of cake awaited them too. The tradition continued as they grew and their friends all congregated to sing along, smear their faces with cake and pop champagne. Try as I might I couldn't convert my laid-back spouse into being an enthusiastic participant. One peck on the cheek and (if he was generously inclined) then a wilted bunch of flowers and a hallmark card which romantically read, 'Dear Jaanu' and ended with the same 'Love Jaanu'.

After a lifetime, I had gracefully accepted defeat, but this year I invited my sister and her brood out to a celebratory dinner at the Klaa Kitchen, a home-style Goan restaurant on my spouse's birthday. Klaa Kitchen is the brain-child of chef Rhea Aaron, cricketer Varun Aaron and restaurateur Bikash Parikh. To say that they have nailed the flavours, ambiance and the 'feel' of Goa would be an understatement! With an array of the freshest and tastiest sea-food wending its way to our rambunctious table, one would think we were high on both the food and the endless glasses of Madeira that magically appeared before we could say saiba/saibini! Meanwhile, 'Groucho Marx's' was thrilled as everyone called to wish him as the day ended beautifully with a fab family dinner. Nothing like victualling on great food without the mandatory 'convolutions' and 'twists' and stay true to their origins and taste.

Tirtharaj Dutta Prashant Issar & Roki Barui

At the cost of repeating myself, it's great to see Bengaluru emerging as the food capital of India. I know that many pseudo epicureans' like to turn their snotty noses up and say the opposite. But one can find different types of cuisines, in top-end restaurants, bars, speakeasies' tiffin-rooms, cafes and military-messes here. If nothing else we have visiting chefs like the two good-looking 'habibis' who arrived from Turkey to allow a privileged few, to feast on their fabulous repast at the Four Seasons Hotel. Their suave GM Reuben Kataria, made sure we were well 'watered' and fed and since the invitation was only for an intimate group of friends, the laughter quotient was at its peak. Kebabs, moussakas and hummus flooded our senses and culminated in a beautiful dose of baklava. I have had my 'seasons in the sun'!

I spoke with the mild-mannered Prashant Issar, the owner of Ishaara, a restaurant that only employs differently-abled staff especially the speech disabled, because (now this is so beautiful!), his brand philosophy states that food is a universal language, and one can easily transcend words and evoke the same emotions and experiences.

A beautiful philosophy that rings true.

(The writer's views are her own)

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor
(@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

1. Which winter green is commonly used in dishes like Sarson da Saag?
2. What is the traditional Argentine outdoor feast featuring grilled meats during winter?
3. Which Danish winter dessert, often served during holidays, is a rice pudding with almonds?

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucity express@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Monday. The first prize winner will receive a voucher worth ₹2,000 from Orah Brew Garden**

NUGGETS

Seafood festival at city restaurant

Absolute Barbecues is hosting a Marine Feast-A-Thon seafood festival until January 31, across its 10 branches. The festival offers marine flavours, including appetisers like water chestnuts and crispy nadru. A 'Wish Grill' allows patrons to customise marinades, while live counters serve special dishes like barracuda fish steak and curry octopus noodle. Main course features street-style seafood tawa pulao and Sri Lankan crab curry. Desserts like blue sea pastry and green wave ocean pudding complete the meal. For details, call 7207997097.

IIHM Young Chef Olympiad (YCO) to witness 60 participating countries

IIHM's Young Chef Olympiad, celebrating a decade, spans six cities - Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Goa, Delhi and Kolkata, and will be held from January 29 to February 4, at IIHM campus kitchens in these cities. Hosting student-chefs from over 60 countries, Bengaluru will see students from the Philippines, UAE, Kenya, Nepal, Fiji, Turkey, Mexico, Sweden, Mauritius, and Bulgaria participating. The competition rounds will start from January 30, at the IIHM campus kitchens. Organised by IIHM and IHC London, the week-long event will see students taking up culinary challenges, evaluated by industry experts, to determine the YCO 2024 Champion.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS **CLASSIFIEDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I SHANTH KUMAR, S/o late Srinivas Naidu, R/at No.1/9, 1st Cross Road, Karre Gowda Layout, Near Kalkere Lake, Kanaka Nagar Circle, K Channasandra, Horamavu, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 043, have changed my name from SHANTH KUMAR to SHANTHA KUMAR S.S, vide affidavit dated: 22.01.2024, before Notary C.V Eerappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYAMALAGOWRI KOMATI** and **SYAMALA GOWRI VELAGA** D/o Venkat Rao Komati, age 38 years, R/at Flat No. F204, 2nd Floor, Kolte Patil Mirabills, Horamavu Agrahara Road, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560 043, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SYAMALA GOWRI VELAGA** to **SYAMALAGOWRI KOMATI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SYAMALAGOWRI KOMATI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th January 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SRINATHA .D.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Prajwal Thopegowda,** S/o Mr. Raje Gowda, aged about 29 years, R/at Flat No.205, 2nd Floor, J C Serene, Challaghatta Main Road, Yamlur Post, Bengaluru-560037, have changed my name from **"THOPEGOWDA" to "PRAJWAL THOPEGOWDA"**, vide affidavit dated 24.01.2024, sworn to before me H.C. Thammannagowda, Advocate & Notary at Bangalore.
Henceforth hereinafter my name will be known as **"PRAJWAL THOPEGOWDA"** for all Purposes

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SMT. G L PADMA**, Aged about 50 years, W/o. H S Phaneendra Kumar, Residing at Kanakanagar, Gangamma Gudi Road, Near Water Tank, Ramakka Layout, Hosakote, Hosakote Rural, Karnataka - 562 114, do hereby declare that **G L PADMA** and **PADMAJ GL** both the name pertain to the one and the same person i.e., my names only. In future my name will be as **G L PADMA** only. Vide affidavit dated 24.01.2024 sworn to before B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. JC- 314536A NB SUB REJEESH.K.T, Residing at House Name: Kottarikil, Street: Velliappally, Vill: Mutholy. Post: Mutholy, Tehsil: Meenachil, Dist: Kottayam, State: KERALA, PIN: 686574, Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) RITHIKA RAJEESH** to **(NEW NAME) RITHIKA REJEESH,** Vide Affidavit Dated 19.01.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
We **(1) SAHANA. K. L (2) KIRAN KUMAR. S.H,** both are aged majors, both are residing a No: 8, 1st Floor, C/O. Anusuya, Mahaganapathinagar, WOC Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, 560 010, we have changed our daughter's name from **AHANA** to **DHANVITHA. K.**, vide affidavit dated 19/1/2024 sworn to before Sumithra.N advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **P.Sridhar** Army No.15312915K, Ex.Hav, S/o.Panchanathan, #4/1, Patel Nanjundappa Road, R.S.Palya, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bangalore North, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 033 have changed my mother name from **PANCHATIAMMA to PANCHALIAMMA & date of birth 01-07-1959 to 16-07-1950** vide Affidavit dated 23-01-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary Public C. Santhosh, at Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUMANGALA RANGA,** Advocate Resident of Flat No.S/02, Chandralok Heights, No.233, 1st 'A' Main, 12th 'A' Cross, WOC Road, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmi puram, Bengaluru-560086, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUMANGALA RANGA RANGA** to **SUMANGALA RANGA** vide affidavit dated 24.01.2024 sworn to before Notary **Ramachandrappa.C.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRATHIBA PRIYADARSHINI KOTAMANGALA SUBRAMANYAM,** W/o. V. Sridhar, Age About 42 Years residing at: No.1221, 4th Cross, Near Doom Light Circle, Old Extension, Kolar, Karnataka-563101 have changed my name from **PRATHIBA PRIYADARSHINI to PRATHIBA PRIYADARSHINI KOTAMANGALA SUBRAMANYAM** vide Affidavit dated 24-01-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary Public S.R. Ravikumar, at Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mayur Basawanal** S/o Rajendra Basawanal, Residing at Flat no B2,No 74/75, Tejasvi apartment , Govindappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004 have changed my name to **Mayur Rajendra Basawanal** vide affidavit dated: 9/1/2024 sworn before Notary K.H Jagadish, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHAKTI DIPAK MANTRI resident of No. 129, 16th B MAIN ROAD, 4th B BLOCK KORAMANGALA, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA - 560095 have changed my name to BHAKTI DEEPAK MANTRI** Affidavit dated 24.01.2024 sworn before advocate and notary CN Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Shekh Sanabanu W/o Wajid Pasha residing at No.252, Near Hilal School, Vijinapura, Doora vaninagar, Bangaluru-560016 have changed my name from **SHEKH SANABANU AMIRAEHMAD** to **SHEKH SANABANU** vide affidavit dated 24/01/2024 sworn before notary R.S. Vijay, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) GUPTA SWEETI KUMARI UMASHANKAR** Residing at No. 35-051, TATA New Heaven Apartment, Huskur Road, Madanayakanahalli, Bengaluru-562162, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GUPTA SWEETI KUMARI UMASHANKAR** to **(NEW NAME) SWEETI GUPTA WIFE OF HARIOM GUPTA** vide affidavit dated 25.01.2024 sworn before Notary Kenchegowda.B.M., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMESH .G** S/o V. T. Govindaswamy, age 36 years, R/at NO. 191, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Opposite Shivaganga Kalyana Mantapa, Mallasandra, T. Dasarahalli, Benglauru North-560 057 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **SHUBHITH GOWDA .R** to **SHESHAN R,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **SHESHAN R** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25th January 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Ravi Kumar V,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I SANJEEVA GANIGA, aged about 70 years, S/o Rama Ganiga residing at No 2/A, Modi Hospital Road, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru-10 state my name entered in Aadhar card & DL as **SANJEEVA GANIGA.** I further submit that my name entered in Bank of Baroda as **Sampath Ganiga.** Both the name **Sanjeeva Ganiga & Sampath Ganiga** belongs and referred to one person only i.e., **SANJEEVA GANIGA.** Hence this vide affidavit sworn 23.01.2024 before advocate & Notary **R.Raghunath Rao**-Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) B ANKI REDDY,** Father of NO. 15321610L HAV B. HARI KRISHNA REDDY, Residing at House NO.12/93-2, Gayatri Nagar, S. Mydukur (MD & Post), Cuddapah (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 516172, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) BASI REDDY ANKI REDDY,** And **DOB** From **01.07.1945** to **01.07.1954,** Vide Affidavit Dated 23.01.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMED ASIF**, Aged about 50 years, S/o. Mohamed Nisar Ahmed, Permanent Resident of No. 174, Silver Oak Street, Aravind Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MOHAMMED ASIF** to **MOHAMED ASIF** vide affidavit dated 24.01.2024 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
Mrs. Sapana Narendra Kumar Banda W/o. Niraj Kumar Singhi, aged about 39 years, residing at No. 18/1, Radha Krishna Enclave, 2nd Floor, Ranga Rao Road, Shankarapuram, Bengaluru - 560004, hereby declare that my names are **Sapna, Sapana N Banda, Sapana Narendra Kumar Banda,** all these names belong to me only. Hence forth, I would like to continue my name as **Sapana Narendra Kumar Banda,** and would be signing in three names viz., **(1) Mrs. Sapna (2) Sapana N. Banda and (3) Sapana Narendra Kumar Banda,** vide Affidavit dated 11.01.2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary Mamatha N.K., B.A., L.L.B., Bangalore- 560070.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUSHUBHRA, W/o. Avinish Mishra Permanent Address: H.No. 3075, J Block, Sector 49, Sainik Colony, Faridabad, Haryana 121001 Aadhaar No.: 5961 9523 0833 Presently Residing at Flat No. PR 505, Golden Blossom, Kadugodi, Bengaluru - 560067 have changed my name to ANUSHUBHRA DWIVEDI** Affidavit dated 25.01.2024 sworn before advocate and notary Umamaheswary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KRITHIKA MURALI,** age 43 years, R/at No. B208, Gopalan Jewels Apartment, Kanakapura Main Road, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru-560 062 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter name from **ANVITHA MANISH MOKSHAGUNDAM** to **ANVITHA MANISH,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **ANVITHA MANISH** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25-01-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA .J.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VASANTI PATIL** W/o Sudharshan H.S, age 45 years, R/at No. 3, Katthariguppe Main Road, Opp. State Bank of Hyderabad, ITI Layout, Vidyapeeta, BSK III Stage, Bangalore-560 085 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VASANTI SUDHARSHAN HEBLIKAR** to **VASANTI PATIL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VASANTI PATIL** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N. MADHU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHAVYA RAMESH**, Date of Birth: 30.11.1985, W/o. Mr. Ramesh K, D/o. Mr. Nagaraja Govindashetty, presently residing at House No. 18, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Kaveri Layout, Tulasi Theatre Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BHAVYA BANGALORE NAGARAJA** to **BHAVYA RAMESH** vide affidavit dated 24.01.2024 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. **RADHA HARISCHANDRA,** Wife Sri. Harischandra.C.H., residing at No.203, Nikhil Home, 4th Cross, Patel Hanumaiah Road, Bahubali Nagar, Jalahalli, BENGALURU - 560 013, have changed my name to **PREMA RADHA P. BEKAL,** vide Affidavit dated 23.01.2024 sworn before Notary Public, Smt. Ambika .S, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Lingaraju Shekar** S/o Shekar Aged About 32 Years, R/At #65, 4th To 8th Cross, Pillaganahalli, Bengaluru-560083, Have Changed/Corrected My Name From **Lingaraju V** To **Lingaraju Shekar,** Vide Affidavit Dated 26.01.2024 Sworn Before Advocate And Notary **B.K.R. Krishnamurthy,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KRISHNA T VIJAYACHANDRAN**, aged about 25 years, son of T.S.Vijayachandran, residing at No. 10/2, Amour, 11th cross, Behind Shobha Stores, Kariyanapalya, Lingarajapuram Post, Kacharakanahalli, Bengaluru-560 084 have changed my name from **KRISHNA VIJAYACHANDRAN** to **KRISHNA T VIJAYACHANDRAN** vide Affidavit dated 24-01-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary Public G. Dayananda, at Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAHANA,** Aged about 31 years Wife of **Vinay J.S,** Residing at No 25/2, 5th Main, Rajahamsa Road, Ittamadu, Bangalore South, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **SAHANA** to **SAHANA UPADHYA PARAMPALLI**, vide affidavit dated 26/01/2024 sworn before notary B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Reg No.1351, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **K Supriya** and **Kotta Janardhan Reddy,** residing at No. 87, 6th Cross, Annayya Reddy Layout, Vijaya Bank Colony, Dodda Banaswadi, behind Baldwin International School, Benglauru-560043, have changed our minor daughter child name from **K. YESHASWINI** to **YOSHITHA REDDY KOTTA,** vide affidavit dated 08.01.2024, before Notary **Jalandhaara,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. DIVYA SATHISH,** W/o Sathish K, aged about 40 years, Residing at No.604, Bilekahalli, Deverachikkanahalli Cross, Bengaluru South-560 076. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'DIVYA C.S & DIVYA SATHISH'** to **"DIVYAA GOWDA C.S"** Vide Affidavit dated 25.01.2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary K. Ramegowda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. **(OLD NAME) B MAHA LAKSHMI,** Mother of NO. 15321610L HAV B. HARI KRISHNA REDDY, Residing at House NO. 12/93-2, Gayatri Nagar, S. Mydukur (MD & Post), Cuddapah (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN : 516172, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) BASI REDDY MAHA LAKSHUMMA,** And **DOB** From **01.07.1950** to **01.07.1957,** Vide Affidavit Dated 23.01.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **S. KAILASH ACHAR**, Aged about 19 years, Son of C. SURESH, Residing at No. 1186, 7th Block, Sir MV Layout, Muddin Palya, Bangalore - 560 091, do hereby declare that **S. KAILASH ACHAR & KAILASH. S** both names belong to me only. I hereby request the concerned authorities to please do the correction & consider my name as **S. KAILASH ACHAR.** Vide affidavit dated 25.01.2024 sworn to before C.K. Anupama, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUDHIR KUMAR SHETTY KENCHANOOR (New Name), resident of No. 145, Old No. 1706, East End A Main Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from SUDHIR KUMAR SHETTY KAVANCHOOR (Old Name) to SUDHIR KUMAR SHETTY KENCHANOOR (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called SUDHIR KUMAR SHETTY KENCHANOOR (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 25/01/2024, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN. K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DHANALAKSHMI, D/o. Ramachandrappa,a Homemaker, resident of No.122,Near Old Govt.School,Kids Global School Road,Marathahalli, Bengaluru -560037, have changed my name to **DHANALAKSHMI RAMACHANDRAPPA** vide affidavit dated 25/01/2024, by Notary, K.Venkateshan,Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**VINAY JEDDIGADDE SHIMOGA** Aged about 34 years, Son of **Subramanya J M,** Residing at D.No.52, Biligiri, 1stMain, 6thCross, Ittamadu BDA Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **VINAY JEDDIGADDE SHIMOGA** to **VINAY JEDDIGADDE SUBRAMANYA**, vide affidavit dated 26/01/2024 sworn before notary B.K.R. KRISHNAMURTHY, Reg No.1351, Bengaluru.

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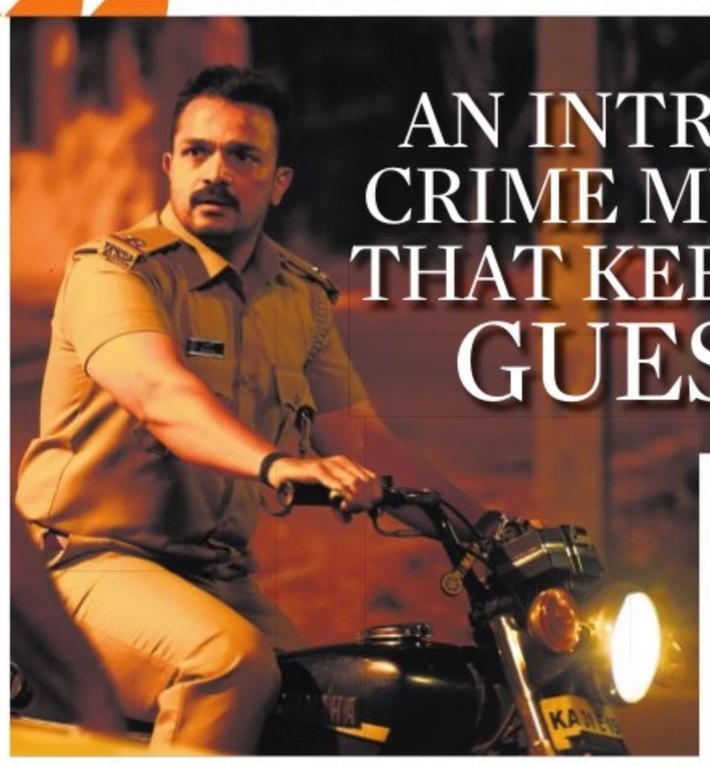

CASE OF KONDANA

Cast: Vijay Raghavendra, Bhavana Menon, Rangyana Raghu, and Raju Balawadi

Director: Devi Prasad Shetty

A SHARADHAA

WHAT lures audiences into the heart of a suspenseful investigative thriller? It's the promise of an exhilarating journey fueled by the delicate interplay of storytelling and outstanding performances. With Devi Prasad Shetty steering the ship, alongside a few good performers by a couple of actors, *Case of Kondana* takes an unexpected detour, shattering any preconceived notions from the start. As we delve into the core of the narrative, the excitement builds and it the film delivers what it sets out for.

While director Devi Sriprasad Shetty reunites almost the same squad from his debut, *Seetharam Benoy*, known for its investigative thrills, and welcomes Bhavana Menon and Rangayana Raghu to the principal cast. *Case of Kondana* isn't a mere continuation but a standalone film. Let's peel back the layers of this mystery tale, where each twist and turn carries weight, revealing a narrative that intricately blends crime, love, and the complexities of human relationships. All of this unfolds against the backdrop of the fictional town of Kondana, nestled in the outskirts of Bengaluru.

Now, what makes the *Case of Kondana* a must-watch? It's not your usual cat-and-mouse chase where the police pursue the culprit. In this film, the script takes a unique turn – the police officer himself becomes the suspect. The intrigue lies in unraveling why he's in this predicament and how he navigates the dual shades. Is he genuinely guilty, or are circumstances pushing him towards a path of wrongdoing? The film questions the fairness of judgment and explores the biases that may come into play. Let's explore this mysterious narrative that challenges the conventional and promises an immersive experience like no other.

In a rare example of a story with multiple links, the entire episode takes place in one night, and the town itself plays a significant role, unfolding its own secrets and dynamics of the plot. ASI Wilson (Vijay Raghavendra), highly recommended by his seniors, starts working at Chamarajpet Police Station. ACP Lakshmi (Bhavana Menon) and her team are on the trail of a gang involved in residential burglary. Despite being new, Wilson wasn't initially part of the case. However, he gets caught up in a clash with the same troublesome gang that also has conflicts with Lakshmi. Adding to the complexity, Lakshmi's father (Rangayana Raghu), also a police officer, and the death of a roadside pani puri vendor, Raju, become central to the actual *Case of Kondana*. There's an interlink between these cases, with a few other deaths, and the operation involves plenty of procedural details, bringing unexpected twists that keep you on edge.

What makes Wilson get involved in the case, and his intriguing cat-and-mouse game within the department, keeps the audience glued to their seats. While some moments are expected, unexpected twists keep it engaged. The director's skills shine, particularly in maintaining intensity in action sequences without resorting to excessive bloodshed or exaggeration. Teaming up with Devi Prasad Shetty is Jogi's screenplay, delivering a real, dark, and engaging experience. The well-crafted background score by Gagan Baderiya, along with cinematography by Vishwajit Rao, especially the aerial view captures the essence of Kondana, and artwork by Bhavani Shankar plays a crucial role in narrating activities and preventing the film from becoming dull.

Devi Prasad Shetty excels in creating a gripping atmosphere, seamlessly intertwining multiple storylines within the plot contributing to the complexity of the case; Despite a few predictable moments, the overall strength of the film shines through in its robust performances. However, attention should have been given to the film's length and the climax by Devi Prasad Shetty, as it seems to come with loose ends.

The film's strength is undoubtedly its strong performances. Vijay Raghavendra's portrayal of Wilson earns applause, presenting a character distinct from the conventional cop roles played by him. This character requires him to navigate the thin line between right and wrong, and he delivers it so accurately.

Equally notable is Bhavana's performance, and here, Director Devi Prasad Shetty's admiration for the actor comes to the fore, reflecting in her well-defined role. Her character is authoritative yet an empathetic presence as ACP Lakshmi, contributing to the film's storyline. They have the best support coming from Rangayana Raghu and Raja Balawadi among the ensemble.

Raju, the panipuri seller, and his family add a poignant layer to the narrative with his struggles, connecting the characters on a deeper, human level. The film establishes a strong connection between Wilson and Sahana, a doctor played by Kushi Ravi, adding relatability beyond their romantic relationship. In this serious film, there's no room for humor except for a couple of songs, which might not linger, but the story will undoubtedly endure, bringing justice to the narrative. Fans of suspense-thriller genres will undoubtedly find *Case Of Kondana* to their liking.

RATING 3/5

A whirlwind of comedy with fair share of highs and lows

A SHARADHAA

THE mere title of a film can kindle the curiosity of the audience. In Abhijit Mahesh's latest comedy, *Bachelor Party*, the title not only meets those expectations but goes beyond weaving a relatable travel adventure, ensuring continuous enjoyment. While the film offers its fair share of fun, silliness, and laughter, it leans heavily on its maze-like storytelling. A truly successful comedy should captivate the audience, even amidst the laughter, whether through the characters' emotions, their growth, or, in this case, an intriguing mystery. The typical perception of a bachelor party often involves the aftermath of indulging in one too many drinks. What unfolds before, after, and in between can be a tad blurry. For the friends in the film, their hangover experience is far from ordinary and this perhaps includes the challenges they face.

Comedy holds a cherished place in the hearts of people, providing a much-needed escape from life's constant serious challenges, and tickling someone's funny bone is no easy feat, especially when comedy avoids crude and double-entendre jokes. Bachelor Party takes the stage with the noble goal of spreading joy and laughter.

Santhosh (Diganth Manchale) kicks off the tale, and his reciting the Gayatri Mantra under the threat of a gun at point-blank range, throws light on his life, and plunges us into a flashback. Santhosh, a typical software engineer, grapples not with financial burdens but with his wife, Sandhya (Siri Ravi). Amidst the monotony of his married and work life, an invitation to a schoolmate's (Shine Shetty) bachelor party provides an unexpected break for Santhosh. Joining him on this escapade are his troublesome school friend Madhav, aka Maddy (Yogesh), and their physical trainer master (Achyuth Kumar). The real story unfolds when these three guys, invited to a bachelor party, wake up in Bangkok after a wild night, contemplating the events of the previous evening. The ensuing escapades in Bangkok, the events that transpire, and their outcomes are meant to be uproarious, as the trio looks for a person in Bangkok. This, coupled with the binge scenes, vaguely takes inspiration from the Hollywood film, Hangover.

In its pursuit, *Bachelor Party* transforms into a cinematic creation by debutant Abhijit Mahesh, aiming to evoke mirth at every twist and turn. However, it sacrifices poignant moments and a cohesive script, and instead, goes for funny comebacks and weird, unpredictable situations. It's like choosing humour and quirkiness over heartfelt moments. Consequently, the viewer is left expecting each succeeding scene to match the humour quotient of its predecessor. This proves to be a challenging task, and Abhijit's script, though effort-laden, may be liked or disliked but certainly can't be ignored. Certain situations induce outright amusement, while others leave you contemplative.

Abhijit's endeavour starts slowly, testing your patience, and not all the characters manage to evoke laughter. The narrative builds anticipation around pivotal plot elements, but don't expect logic. However, it manages to offer intermittent moments of humor and adventure.

Diganth, as Santhosh, delivers a good performance. He convinces himself to extricate from matrimony during the escapade to Bangkok with two dissimilar companions. He remains a discontented individual, attributing his circumstances to external factors, while Yogi as Maddy, characterised as a criminal with benevolent intentions, also shines through the role. Yogi, portraying the uninhibited yet aimless youth, persuades with his superb dialogue delivery. As a natural talent in comedy, he is authentic. Achyuth Kumar, in his signature style, effortlessly navigates through various situations and characters. Prakash Thuminad, essaying the role of a South Indian eatery proprietor in Bangkok with a keen interest in music, excels in a comedic portrayal. Siri Ravikumar tries her hand at a humour, facing challenges with her character grappling with the persistent patriarchal and misogynistic behaviour exhibited by her throughout the film, which is relatable. Then there is Balaji Manohar, who plays a drug purveyor, and he is underutilized.

Other characters contribute to the comical atmosphere, though the extent to which they serve a purpose remains an intriguing aspect. Arjun Ramu's music and Aravind Kashyap's cinematography contribute in their respective ways.

In the vast expanse of humor's subjectivity, where the amusement that resonates with one may diverge for another, With Rakshit Shetty's backing, this comedy flick not only brings the laughs but also flaunts a lavish production. Bachelor Party emerges as a comedy mix, ideal for those who relish variety.

Amidst the comical blend of witty dialogues, amusing situations, and clever gags, lies a subtle message. If you're yearning for a good laugh after a long stretch and simply want to soak in the pure joy of the moment, this ride with the trio is a perfect one-time watch.

RATING 3/5

BACHELOR PARTY

Cast: Diganth, Yogi, Achyuth Kumar, Siri Ravikumar, Prakash Thuminad, and Balaji Manohar

Director: Abhijit Mahesh

Chikkanna as *Upadhyaksha* shines in a laughter galore

A SHARADHAA

LET'S begin by immersing ourselves in the world of *Upadhyaksha*. Before delving into the intriguing dynamics of its sequel, let's revisit the past. A decade ago, *Adhyaksha* graced our screens with Sharan as Chandrashekhar Gowda, engaging in a memorable face-off with Ravi Shankar's Shiva Rudre Gowda. Chikkanna, portraying Vice President Narayana, the trio left an indelible mark. While labeled as a sequel, *Upadhyaksha* successfully maintains the essence of the original while carving its unique identity. Credit is due to the writer Chandramohan, and the makers inherit not only the title but also seamlessly continue the captivating story, ensuring an enjoyable experience for the audience.

The narrative picks up with the characters of Chi. Thu. Sangha and Vice President Narayana from Adhyaksha, providing a brief glimpse for newcomers and enticing them to explore the predecessor. Sharan's voiceover guides us into the present, where Adhyaksha is living a content life elsewhere. Narayana Gowda, now leading Chi. Thu Sangha in Gejje Pura, takes center stage in the chairman's absence. The story unfolds, introducing Shivarudre Gowda's daughter, Anju aka Anjali (Malavika), and her relative, Madan (Sadhu Kokila).

Remaining loyal to Chi-Thu Sangha, Narayana opts to stay as the vice president, resisting the temptation of becoming the president. The absence of the Chi. Thu Sangha chairman heightens the competition for popularity in the village, creating a humorous rivalry between the two main characters and presenting a rabbit-and-tortoise game. The plot takes an interesting turn when Shiva Rudre Gowda initiates a game, leading *Upadhyaksha* to Shiva Rudre Gowda's house due to his father's mistake. Here, he becomes entangled in a romantic pursuit, challenging Shiva Rudre Gowda for Anju's love. The hide-and-seek game begins when the charming daughter , who is minor, elopes with Narayana Gowda, triggering a pursuit filled with laughter, fun, and a touch of romance. Will Narayana manage to win Anju's love and his father's blessings? Find out for yourself.

Director Anil Kumar, responsible for the storyboard and maintaining the essence of the sequel, skillfully brings comedian-turned-hero Chikkanna to the forefront while preserving the comedic element. Balancing Chikkanna's transition, he seamlessly integrates humor into the narrative, showcasing versatility without compromising the core comedic essence. The result is a refreshing dynamic that engages and entertains, backed by rich production qualities.

In a genre characterised by situational comedy relying on carefully constructed circumstances, *Upadhyaksha* stands out. Chikkanna, with a comedic repertoire spanning over 250 films, smoothly transitions into a hero role, retaining his innate talent for evoking laughter. His role is further elevated with the narrative weaving together elements of romance and action, resulting in a delightful and engaging viewing experience. Chikkanna shines as the real deal in this sequel, perfectly suited for the comedy genre. The absence of exaggerated heroism and the seamless continuation of characters from the original script contribute to the film's charm.

Joining Chikkanna on his *Upadhyaksha* adventure are Ravishankar, Sadhu Kokila, and Kari Subbu, adding depth to the humor. Malaika Vasupal, making her big-screen debut after transitioning from television, impresses with her cute and effective performance. The ensemble cast, including villagers, cops featuring Keerthiraj, Veena Sudar, Puneeth Rudranag, Dharamanna Kadur, among others as friends and associates, ensures each character contributes to the laughs. Shekar Chandra's cinematography captures the beauty of Gejjepura and other locations. Arjun Janya's music complements the film, enhancing the overall experience. For fans of *Adhyaksha* and Chikkanna's comedy, *Upadhyaksha* promises a full-fledged laughter-filled experience. For those eagerly anticipating a dose of hometown humor, *Upadhyaksha* delivers. So, buckle up for a laughter-packed ride through the rural charm served up with a generous helping of Chikkanna's comedy brilliance.

RATING 3/5

UPADHYAKSHA

Cast: Chikkanna, Malaika Vasupal, Ravi Shankar Gowda, and Dharmanna Kadur

Director: Anil Kumar